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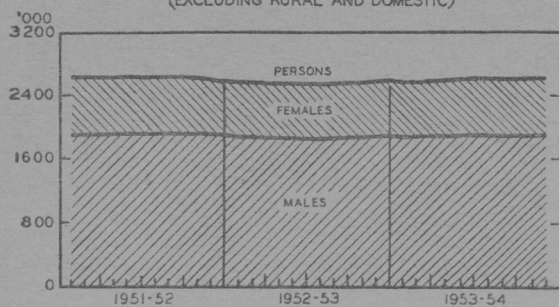
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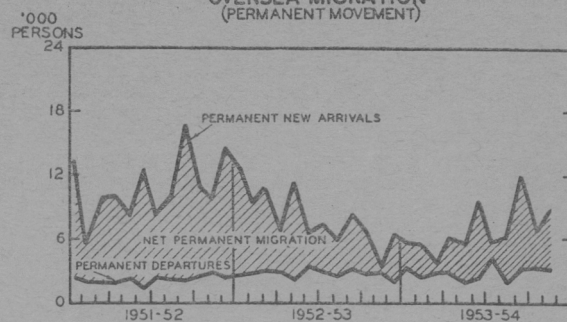
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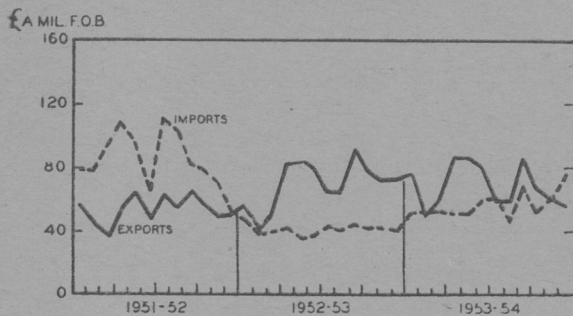
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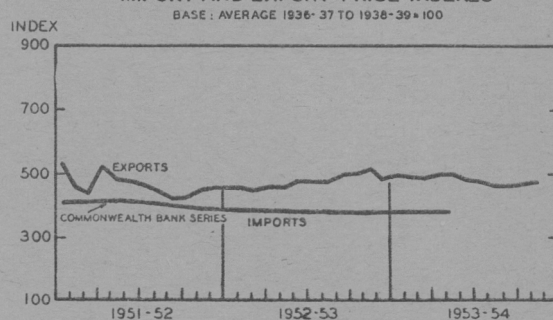
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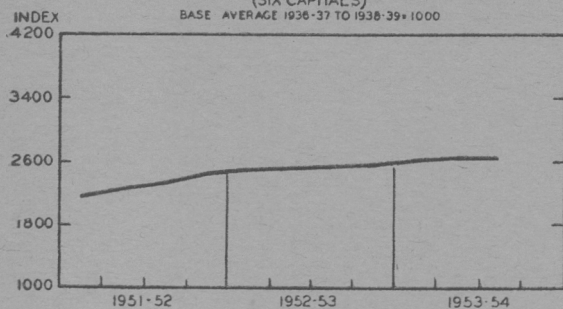
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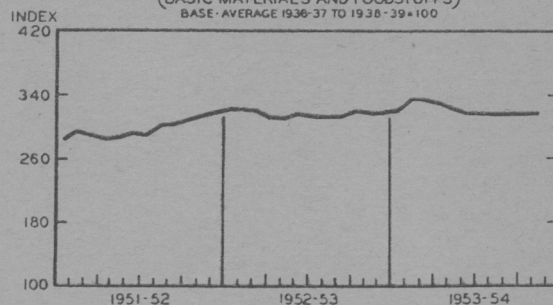
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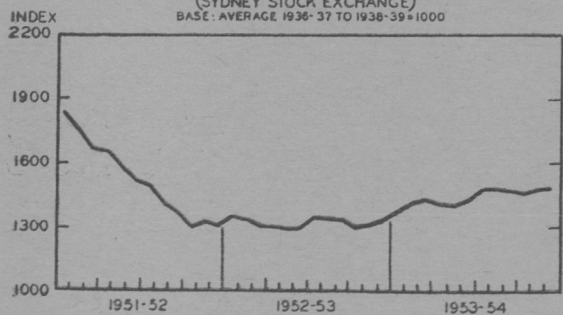
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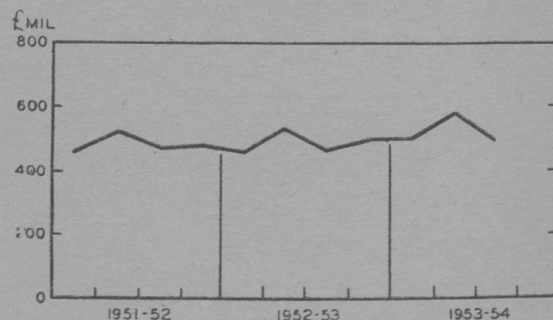
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

| Period. | Employment—Australia. Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). (a) | | | Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) —Australia: Index (Base: 1945-46=1,000). | Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of shipment.) | | Building Permits (c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses Completed. (d) | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. |
|-----------------------|---|----------|----------|--|---|----------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | | Imports. | Exports. | | | | |
| Monthly | '000. | '000. | '000. | | £m. | £m. | £'000. | No. | '000 tons. | Million kWh. |
| Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1932-33 .. | (e)992 | (e)341 | (e)1,333 | n.a. | 5.5 | 8.2 | 565 | n.a. | 732 | 225 |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 8.6 | 12.4 | 1,986 | n.a. | 977 | 331 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 10.6 | 11.8 | 2,307 | n.a. | 990 | 363 |
| 1938-39 .. | (f)1,293 | (f)437 | (f)1,730 | n.a. | 9.4 | 10.2 | 2,353 | n.a. | 1,051 | 391 |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,693 | 635 | 2,328 | 1,164 | 28.2 | 33.8 | 4,687 | g10,876 | 1,231 | 697 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,757 | 656 | 2,413 | 1,322 | 34.5 | 45.2 | 5,577 | g12,835 | 1,276 | 754 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,810 | 675 | 2,485 | 1,451 | 44.7 | 51.1 | 7,129 | g13,873 | 1,243 | 792 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,882 | 707 | 2,589 | 1,742 | 61.8 | 81.8 | 10,426 | 16,895 | 1,369 | 875 |
| 1951-52 .. | p1,915 | p709 | p2,624 | 2,145 | 87.5 | 55.7 | 9,700 | 19,494 | 1,598 | 941 |
| 1952-53 .. | p1,876 | p670 | p2,546 | 2,350 | 42.5 | 70.9 | 10,045 | 19,332 | p1,546 | p1,024 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | p | p | p | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 1,920 | 694 | 2,614 | 2,249 | 81.5 | 59.0 | 8,593 | 20,267 | 1,568 | 914 |
| May .. | 1,914 | 688 | 2,602 | | 75.3 | 51.8 | 9,306 | | 1,725 | 992 |
| June .. | 1,908 | 679 | 2,587 | | 54.9 | 53.0 | 9,848 | | 1,535 | 988 |
| 1952-53— | p | p | p | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,894 | 674 | 2,568 | 2,305 | 49.9 | 57.5 | 8,544 | 20,331 | p1,885 | p1,082 |
| August .. | 1,882 | 668 | 2,550 | | 39.6 | 41.8 | 8,733 | | 1,572 | 1,039 |
| September .. | 1,871 | 666 | 2,537 | | 42.3 | 50.2 | 11,856 | | 1,814 | 992 |
| October .. | 1,869 | 666 | 2,535 | 2,354 | 44.8 | 84.9 | 9,911 | 20,429 | 1,866 | 1,018 |
| November .. | 1,866 | 667 | 2,533 | | 35.5 | 86.6 | 9,317 | | 1,648 | 965 |
| December .. | 1,864 | 669 | 2,533 | | 38.5 | 81.7 | 8,259 | | 1,342 | 972 |
| January .. | 1,858 | 664 | 2,522 | 2,362 | 44.7 | 66.6 | 7,607 | 18,256 | 1,066 | 939 |
| February .. | 1,871 | 672 | 2,543 | | 41.5 | 64.8 | 10,303 | | 1,532 | 932 |
| March .. | 1,878 | 677 | 2,555 | | 44.2 | 90.2 | 11,058 | | 1,606 | 1,052 |
| April .. | 1,883 | 676 | 2,559 | 2,377 | 43.3 | 79.2 | 10,293 | 18,314 | 1,404 | 1,017 |
| May .. | 1,885 | 675 | 2,560 | | 44.2 | 73.0 | 11,685 | | 1,382 | 1,121 |
| June .. | 1,887 | 674 | 2,561 | | 41.9 | 74.3 | 12,978 | | 1,429 | 1,160 |
| 1953-54— | p | p | p | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,882 | 676 | 2,558 | 2,445 | 52.1 | 76.6 | 13,209 | 18,408 | p1,822 | p1,195 |
| August .. | 1,886 | 678 | 2,564 | | 52.2 | 48.5 | 12,341 | | r1,707 | 1,155 |
| September .. | 1,890 | 682 | 2,572 | | 53.1 | 59.5 | 12,570 | | r1,753 | 1,109 |
| October .. | 1,898 | 686 | 2,584 | 2,436 | 50.5 | 86.0 | 11,738 | 20,871 | r1,737 | 1,125 |
| November .. | 1,907 | 694 | 2,601 | | 50.7 | 85.3 | 11,884 | | r1,669 | 1,085 |
| December .. | 1,911 | 701 | 2,612 | | 58.7 | 79.3 | 10,235 | | r1,305 | 1,062 |
| January .. | 1,912 | 698 | 2,610 | 2,491 | 60.4 | 58.1 | 8,941 | 16,821 | r1,166 | 1,036 |
| February .. | 1,921 | 701 | 2,622 | | 45.4 | 58.0 | 11,607 | | r1,460 | 1,020 |
| March .. | 1,931 | 708 | 2,639 | | 66.9 | 85.9 | 13,753 | | r1,817 | 1,181 |
| April .. | 1,936 | 708 | 2,644 | r60.2 | 52.1 | 65.7 | 13,622 | r58.5 | 1,549 | 1,126 |
| May .. | 1,942 | 707 | 2,649 | | | | | | r1,660 | |

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, National Service Trainees in camp and in 1932-33 Government "relief" workers. (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 31). (d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933; obtained from Census. (f) July, 1939; obtained from National Register. (g) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period. | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). | | Government Railways : Gross Revenue. | P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (b) | Wholesale Trade : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. | Retail Sales.(c) | Private Trading Banks. (d) | | Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---|
| | | Motor Cars. | Commercial Vehicles. | | | | | Deposits. | Advances. | |
| Monthly Average— | '000 tons. | '000. | '000. | £'000. | £'000. | £m. | £m. | £m. | £m. | £m. |
| 1932-33 .. | 32.7 | 1.0 | 0.3 | (d)3,017 | 1,053 | 29.1 | n.a. | 269.9 | 231.0 | n.a. |
| 1936-37 .. | 90.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | (d)3,407 | 1,318 | 37.2 | n.a. | 297.6 | 262.5 | n.a. |
| 1937-38 .. | 97.2 | 4.6 | 2.3 | (d)3,632 | 1,396 | 40.6 | n.a. | 314.8 | 274.4 | n.a. |
| 1938-39 .. | 97.5 | 4.5 | 2.1 | (d)3,580 | 1,447 | 39.8 | n.a. | 317.7 | 288.1 | n.a. |
| 1947-48 .. | 112.1 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 6,376 | 2,616 | 79.5 | 240.4 | 673.5 | 329.9 | 175.9 |
| 1948-49 .. | 98.2 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 7,174 | 2,776 | 93.4 | 286.3 | 776.4 | 368.8 | 212.8 |
| 1949-50 .. | 101.5 | 9.6 | 4.8 | 7,702 | 3,196 | 110.2 | 340.8 | 910.1 | 403.9 | 271.1 |
| 1950-51 .. | 120.3 | 10.6 | 6.5 | 8,834 | 3,732 | 140.5 | 422.3 | 1,144.2 | 479.3 | 372.9 |
| 1951-52 .. | 126.8 | 10.4 | 6.1 | 11,668 | 4,948 | 162.1 | 482.5 | 1,201.7 | 621.4 | 402.4 |
| 1952-53 .. | pr150.1 | 7.7 | 4.4 | 12,892 | 5,371 | 158.1 | 490.5 | 1,162.4 | 638.1 | 389.3 |
| 1953-54 .. | | 10.4 | 4.8 | | 5,650 | | 532.3 | 1,275.5 | 658.5 | 446.5 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 117.5 | 10.2 | 5.4 | 11,684 | 4,834 | 160.2 | 478.1 | 1,246.6 | 667.9 | 401.2 |
| May .. | 91.6 | 9.7 | 5.6 | 12,968 | 5,798 | 153.8 | | 1,182.0 | 675.6 | 403.2 |
| June .. | r98.7 | 7.8 | 5.1 | 11,972 | 5,657 | 149.8 | | 1,122.9 | 691.2 | 399.7 |
| 1952-53— | pr | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 145.4 | 7.6 | 4.7 | 12,118 | 5,334 | 150.6 | 460.0 | 1,072.1 | 699.3 | 384.2 |
| August .. | 151.3 | 6.6 | 4.0 | 12,317 | 5,121 | 142.1 | | 1,059.5 | 690.4 | 339.3 |
| September .. | 150.3 | 7.2 | 4.1 | 13,428 | 5,382 | 157.8 | | 1,054.1 | 682.0 | 353.2 |
| October .. | 164.0 | 9.0 | 4.5 | 13,889 | 5,703 | 169.9 | 535.2 | 1,077.7 | 673.4 | 376.5 |
| November .. | 152.6 | 8.8 | 4.4 | 12,710 | 5,030 | 150.2 | | 1,114.3 | 655.7 | 401.7 |
| December .. | 150.5 | 9.3 | 4.6 | 13,123 | 5,897 | 162.7 | | 1,147.4 | 637.7 | 432.8 |
| January .. | 155.2 | 5.9 | 3.1 | 12,540 | 4,867 | 133.2 | 467.8 | 1,171.6 | 616.0 | 336.8 |
| February .. | 143.4 | 7.3 | 4.0 | 11,492 | 5,125 | 153.9 | | 1,218.9 | 604.1 | 402.9 |
| March .. | 162.7 | 8.4 | 4.6 | 13,325 | 5,605 | 171.2 | | 1,272.6 | 593.9 | 414.7 |
| April .. | 156.9 | 7.5 | 4.6 | 13,195 | 5,275 | 164.4 | 499.1 | 1,283.5 | 592.5 | 402.1 |
| May .. | 170.3 | 7.9 | 4.9 | 13,085 | 5,433 | 170.4 | | 1,252.2 | 597.6 | 408.4 |
| June .. | 171.7 | 7.4 | 4.9 | 13,486 | 5,675 | 171.4 | | 1,239.0 | 601.8 | 409.8 |
| 1953-54— | p | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | r188.4 | 9.6 | 5.5 | 14,062 | 5,438 | 169.3 | 502.3 | 1,204.0 | 616.9 | 418.8 |
| August .. | 186.9 | 8.5 | 4.7 | 13,947 | 5,116 | 161.6 | | 1,181.3 | 619.9 | 373.0 |
| September .. | 171.0 | 10.5 | 4.8 | 14,387 | 5,613 | 189.0 | | 1,191.7 | 630.8 | 413.8 |
| October .. | 187.8 | 10.7 | 4.7 | 14,685 | 5,837 | 188.5 | 584.5 | 1,210.0 | 654.6 | 425.5 |
| November .. | 181.7 | 10.5 | 4.9 | 14,194 | 5,487 | 195.1 | | 1,250.9 | 664.1 | 438.6 |
| December .. | 167.1 | 11.2 | 5.1 | 14,130 | 6,409 | 193.2 | | 1,290.0 | 665.0 | 493.7 |
| January .. | 180.4 | 8.4 | 3.6 | 13,599 | 5,130 | 146.8 | 501.2 | 1,303.8 | 654.1 | 405.1 |
| February .. | 151.7 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 12,233 | 5,049 | 162.5 | | 1,337.1 | 656.0 | 438.7 |
| March .. | 178.6 | 11.7 | 5.3 | 14,764 | 6,247 | 182.5 | | 1,363.0 | 664.3 | 489.3 |
| April .. | 177.1 | r11.3 | r4.9 | | 5,587 | | 541.3 | 1,354.9 | 684.7 | 449.8 |
| May .. | 187.2 | r11.7 | r5.3 | | 5,779 | | | 1,323.3 | 695.4 | 490.6 |
| June .. | | 12.3 | p5.5 | | 6,106 | | | 1,305.0 | 701.7 | 500.0 |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (b) Actual collections. (c) Quarterly average for years, and quarterly totals. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (d) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (e) Excludes Tasmania. For meaning of symbols, n.a., r, p, —, see page 1.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 14,627 | 29,634 | 16,129 | 13,505 | 496 | 14,291 | 6,835,536 |
| 1937-38 | 15,529 | 29,924 | 16,170 | 13,754 | 1,676 | 15,751 | 6,898,541 |
| 1938-39 | 15,279 | 30,636 | 17,023 | 13,613 | 3,339 | 17,303 | 6,967,754 |
| 1946-47 | 19,399 | 48,072 | 18,401 | 29,671 | -1,611 | 28,550 | 7,579,358 |
| 1947-48 | 19,008 | 44,252 | 18,876 | 25,376 | 7,341 | 32,717 | 7,710,228 |
| 1948-49 | 18,498 | 44,149 | 19,041 | 25,108 | 25,287 | 50,395 | 7,911,806 |
| 1949-50 | 18,558 | 47,048 | 19,001 | 28,047 | 40,387 | 68,434 | 8,185,541 |
| 1950-51 | 19,211 | 48,114 | 19,896 | 28,218 | 33,244 | 61,462 | 8,431,390 |
| 1951-52 | 18,896 | 49,228 | 20,661 | 28,567 | 25,720 | 54,287 | 8,648,539 |
| 1952-53 | 17,870 | 50,739 | 20,023 | 30,716 | 14,516 | 45,232 | 8,829,465 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1950-51— | | | | | | | |
| March Qtr. .. | 20,387 | 48,012 | 17,239 | 30,773 | 33,633 | 64,406 | 8,380,197 |
| June | 19,814 | 48,025 | 20,083 | 27,942 | 23,251 | 51,193 | 8,431,390 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 16,610 | 49,681 | 24,114 | 25,567 | 23,487 | 49,054 | 8,480,444 |
| December .. | 20,487 | 47,580 | 20,352 | 27,228 | 31,062 | 58,290 | 8,538,734 |
| March | 19,411 | 50,404 | 18,228 | 32,176 | 27,698 | 59,874 | 8,598,608 |
| June | 19,078 | 49,248 | 19,949 | 29,299 | 20,632 | 49,931 | 8,648,539 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 15,679 | 50,896 | 23,878 | 27,018 | 24,883 | 51,901 | 8,700,440 |
| December .. | 20,004 | 51,102 | 19,542 | 31,560 | 20,819 | 52,379 | 8,752,819 |
| March | 17,393 | 51,469 | 17,142 | 34,327 | 8,632 | 42,959 | 8,795,778 |
| June | 18,406 | 49,489 | 19,532 | 29,957 | 3,730 | 33,687 | 8,829,465 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 15,210 | 50,517 | 23,289 | 27,228 | 10,335 | 37,563 | 8,867,028 |
| December .. | 19,631 | 50,760 | 20,225 | 30,535 | 20,200 | 50,735 | 8,917,763 |
| March | 17,867 | 49,709 | 17,366 | 32,343 | 12,175 | 44,518 | 8,962,281 |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947. (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

POPULATION: STATES.

| Date. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 30th June— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939 .. | 2,748,393 | 1,878,480 | 1,018,007 | 596,563 | 470,044 | 237,419 | 6,281 | 12,567 | 6,967,754 |
| 1947 (b) .. | 2,984,838 | 2,054,701 | 1,106,415 | 646,073 | 502,480 | 257,078 | 10,868 | 16,905 | 7,579,358 |
| 1948 .. | 3,025,318 | 2,090,668 | 1,127,316 | 658,024 | 515,302 | 262,364 | 12,458 | (a)18,778 | 7,710,228 |
| 1949 .. | 3,113,659 | 2,139,124 | 1,150,771 | 673,069 | 532,667 | 269,383 | 13,800 | (a)19,333 | 7,911,806 |
| 1950 .. | 3,225,242 | 2,202,870 | 1,183,792 | 700,257 | 557,918 | 279,386 | 15,304 | (a)20,772 | 8,185,541 |
| 1951 .. | 3,317,182 | 2,269,291 | 1,211,239 | 720,040 | 581,486 | 290,838 | 16,422 | 24,892 | 8,431,390 |
| 1952 .. | 3,388,437 | 2,335,475 | 1,238,425 | 739,563 | 601,266 | 302,111 | 16,478 | 26,784 | 8,648,539 |
| 1953 .. | 3,442,432 | 2,384,311 | 1,265,571 | 757,189 | 622,203 | 311,060 | 17,066 | 29,633 | 8,829,465 |
| 31st March, 1954 | 3,482,019 | 2,430,850 | 1,274,773 | 770,926 | 637,429 | 317,751 | 17,241 | 31,292 | 8,962,281 |

(a) Revised A.C.T. estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,245; 1950, 23,867. (b) Census—30th June, 1947.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period. | Temporary. | | | | Permanent. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | Australian Residents. | | Visitors from Overseas. | | Arrivals. | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-). |
| | Arriving. | Departing. | Arriving. | Departing. | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,910 | 1,937 | 2,294 | 2,297 | 1,148 | 953 | + 195 |
| 1937-38 | 2,127 | 2,060 | 2,617 | 2,678 | 1,478 | 925 | + 553 |
| 1938-39 | 2,145 | 1,966 | 2,649 | 2,742 | 2,081 | 1,055 | + 1,026 |
| 1946-47 (a) .. | 793 | 940 | 1,229 | 1,430 | 1,918 | 2,107 | - 189 |
| 1947-48 | 2,238 | 1,981 | 1,729 | 1,897 | 3,881 | 1,523 | + 2,358 |
| 1948-49 | 2,008 | 1,898 | 2,829 | 2,566 | 9,568 | 1,511 | + 8,057 |
| 1949-50 | 2,336 | 2,500 | 3,470 | 3,644 | 15,407 | 1,608 | + 13,799 |
| 1950-51 | 2,812 | 2,617 | 3,594 | 3,753 | 12,774 | 1,729 | + 11,045 |
| 1951-52 | 3,251 | 3,233 | 3,895 | 4,085 | 10,872 | 2,126 | + 8,746 |
| 1952-53 | 3,351 | 3,427 | 3,838 | 4,198 | 7,991 | 2,717 | + 5,274 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| May | 2,318 | 4,703 | 3,950 | 5,036 | 9,650 | 2,730 | + 6,920 |
| June | 2,331 | 2,919 | 3,092 | 3,786 | 14,524 | 2,309 | + 12,215 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,609 | 2,938 | 3,537 | 3,572 | 12,474 | 2,649 | + 9,825 |
| August | 2,824 | 2,092 | 3,072 | 3,843 | 9,537 | 2,682 | + 6,855 |
| September .. | 3,696 | 2,561 | 3,604 | 4,007 | 10,774 | 2,900 | + 7,874 |
| October | 4,161 | 2,294 | 3,854 | 3,818 | 6,781 | 2,820 | + 3,961 |
| November .. | 4,415 | 2,253 | 3,775 | 3,712 | 11,305 | 2,136 | + 9,169 |
| December .. | 3,932 | 4,162 | 5,273 | 4,748 | 6,601 | 3,335 | + 3,266 |
| January | 3,799 | 3,589 | 3,907 | 5,220 | 7,181 | 2,785 | + 4,396 |
| February .. | 3,306 | 4,014 | 4,042 | 3,742 | 6,015 | 2,559 | + 3,456 |
| March | 3,496 | 5,836 | 4,885 | 5,335 | 8,268 | 3,187 | + 5,081 |
| April | 3,441 | 5,021 | 4,379 | 4,999 | 6,802 | 2,710 | + 4,092 |
| May | 2,310 | 3,729 | 2,812 | 4,266 | 3,493 | 2,856 | + 637 |
| June | 2,224 | 2,640 | 2,918 | 3,108 | 6,659 | 1,979 | + 4,680 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,927 | 2,731 | 2,941 | 3,174 | 5,757 | 3,510 | + 2,247 |
| August | 3,432 | 2,196 | 3,191 | 2,840 | 5,600 | 2,365 | + 3,235 |
| September .. | 4,296 | 2,092 | 3,448 | 3,278 | 3,719 | 2,790 | + 929 |
| October | 4,828 | 2,469 | 4,231 | 3,833 | 6,205 | 2,878 | + 3,327 |
| November .. | 4,492 | 2,167 | 4,079 | 4,056 | 5,650 | 1,969 | + 3,681 |
| December .. | 4,144 | 3,462 | 4,682 | 4,399 | 9,566 | 2,444 | + 7,122 |
| January | 3,820 | 4,109 | 4,113 | 4,423 | 5,780 | 4,308 | + 1,472 |
| February .. | 3,223 | 3,268 | 4,083 | 3,557 | 6,226 | 1,978 | + 4,248 |
| March | 3,602 | 6,330 | 5,313 | 4,867 | 11,979 | 3,124 | + 8,855 |
| April | 3,643 | 5,757 | 4,173 | 4,580 | 6,894 | 3,357 | + 3,537 |
| May | 2,593 | 4,768 | 3,269 | 4,303 | 9,056 | 3,256 | + 5,800 |

(a) Excludes troop movements.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

| Month. | Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.) | | | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|--------------------|---------|---|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | Governmental Authorities.(b) | Private Employers. | Total. | Mining and Quarrying | Factories.(c) | Building and Construction. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Services (d) |
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 349.8 | 943.3 | 1,293.1 | 52.2 | 391.5 | 149.7 | 185.9 | 259.7 | | 133.6 |
| 1951—June .. | 571.2 | 1,340.3 | 1,911.5 | 55.8 | 674.7 | 212.7 | 294.7 | 129.7 | 188.4 | 171.7 |
| 1952—June .. | 578.4 | 1,329.7 | 1,908.1 | 58.8 | 661.6 | 214.0 | 299.9 | 124.8 | 191.2 | 173.2 |
| 1953—June .. | 567.8 | 1,319.0 | 1,886.8 | 58.0 | 666.3 | 193.2 | 295.1 | 125.0 | 191.0 | 174.1 |
| 1953—February .. | 563.8 | 1,307.3 | 1,871.1 | 59.4 | 652.9 | 191.2 | 294.6 | 124.2 | 192.0 | 173.4 |
| March .. | 566.8 | 1,311.3 | 1,878.1 | 59.1 | 657.7 | 192.4 | 294.1 | 123.9 | 192.4 | 174.5 |
| April .. | 567.7 | 1,314.7 | 1,882.4 | 59.0 | 661.3 | 193.8 | 294.1 | 124.5 | 191.3 | 174.3 |
| May .. | 568.1 | 1,316.8 | 1,884.9 | 58.5 | 663.5 | 194.4 | 294.8 | 124.8 | 191.1 | 173.8 |
| 1954—February .. | 571.6 | 1,348.8 | 1,920.4 | 58.3 | 685.2 | 194.1 | 298.3 | 127.1 | 197.2 | 176.4 |
| March .. | 575.1 | 1,356.2 | 1,931.3 | 58.5 | 688.3 | 198.9 | 299.3 | 127.3 | 198.3 | 177.0 |
| April .. | 577.8 | 1,358.3 | 1,936.1 | 58.5 | 690.2 | 201.8 | 299.1 | 127.6 | 197.9 | 177.0 |
| May .. | 580.0 | 1,361.9 | 1,941.9 | 58.6 | 692.4 | 205.1 | 299.0 | 128.4 | 198.0 | 176.2 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 55.2 | 381.9 | 437.1 | 0.3 | 148.2 | 1.2 | 12.6 | 114.9 | | 129.0 |
| 1951—June .. | 113.9 | 604.9 | 718.8 | 0.8 | 234.4 | 3.8 | 40.1 | 119.1 | 71.3 | 214.7 |
| 1952—June .. | 115.3 | 564.1 | 679.4 | 0.9 | 199.2 | 4.2 | 39.5 | 112.6 | 72.9 | 215.0 |
| 1953—June .. | 112.0 | 561.7 | 673.7 | 0.9 | 202.9 | 4.3 | 36.2 | 109.9 | 71.5 | 213.5 |
| 1953—February .. | 112.1 | 559.9 | 672.0 | 0.9 | 199.7 | 4.2 | 36.8 | 109.9 | 72.3 | 213.9 |
| March .. | 112.7 | 564.4 | 677.1 | 0.9 | 203.9 | 4.2 | 36.7 | 109.6 | 72.5 | 215.0 |
| April .. | 112.3 | 563.8 | 676.1 | 1.0 | 203.2 | 4.3 | 36.5 | 109.6 | 71.9 | 215.3 |
| May .. | 112.1 | 562.8 | 674.9 | 0.9 | 202.8 | 4.3 | 36.4 | 109.9 | 71.9 | 214.5 |
| 1954—February .. | 113.0 | 588.3 | 701.3 | 1.0 | 218.5 | 4.6 | 36.1 | 113.5 | 76.0 | 217.1 |
| March .. | 114.2 | 593.7 | 707.9 | 0.9 | 222.4 | 4.7 | 36.3 | 113.7 | 76.9 | 218.4 |
| April .. | 114.4 | 593.1 | 707.5 | 0.9 | 221.5 | 4.7 | 36.4 | 114.1 | 76.7 | 218.7 |
| May .. | 114.6 | 592.7 | 707.3 | 1.0 | 220.4 | 4.7 | 36.4 | 114.7 | 76.7 | 219.0 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 405.0 | 1,325.2 | 1,730.2 | 52.5 | 539.7 | 150.9 | 198.5 | 374.6 | | 262.6 |
| 1951—June .. | 685.1 | 1,945.2 | 2,630.3 | 56.6 | 909.1 | 216.5 | 334.8 | 248.8 | 259.7 | 386.4 |
| 1952—June .. | 693.7 | 1,893.8 | 2,587.5 | 59.7 | 860.8 | 218.2 | 339.4 | 237.4 | 264.1 | 388.2 |
| 1953—June .. | 679.8 | 1,880.7 | 2,560.5 | 58.9 | 869.2 | 197.5 | 331.3 | 234.9 | 262.5 | 387.6 |
| 1953—February .. | 675.9 | 1,867.2 | 2,543.1 | 60.3 | 852.6 | 195.4 | 331.4 | 234.1 | 264.3 | 387.3 |
| March .. | 679.5 | 1,875.7 | 2,555.2 | 60.0 | 861.6 | 196.6 | 330.8 | 233.5 | 264.9 | 389.5 |
| April .. | 680.0 | 1,878.5 | 2,558.5 | 60.0 | 864.5 | 198.1 | 330.6 | 234.1 | 263.2 | 389.6 |
| May .. | 680.2 | 1,879.6 | 2,559.8 | 59.4 | 866.3 | 198.7 | 331.2 | 234.7 | 263.0 | 388.3 |
| 1954—February .. | 684.6 | 1,937.1 | 2,621.7 | 59.3 | 903.7 | 198.7 | 334.4 | 240.6 | 273.2 | 393.5 |
| March .. | 689.3 | 1,949.9 | 2,639.2 | 59.4 | 910.7 | 203.6 | 335.6 | 241.0 | 275.2 | 395.4 |
| April .. | 692.2 | 1,951.4 | 2,643.6 | 59.4 | 911.7 | 206.5 | 335.5 | 241.7 | 274.6 | 395.7 |
| May .. | 694.6 | 1,954.6 | 2,649.2 | 59.6 | 912.8 | 209.8 | 335.4 | 243.1 | 274.7 | 395.2 |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1951 subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic)

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

| Month | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 529.9 | 357.5 | 172.8 | 106.7 | 82.9 | 37.4 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 1,293.1 |
| 1951—June .. | 758.2 | 525.8 | 259.3 | 170.0 | 125.3 | 60.2 | 4.6 | 8.1 | 1,911.5 |
| 1952—June .. | 754.4 | 524.4 | 258.1 | 171.5 | 126.0 | 61.0 | 4.4 | 8.3 | 1,908.1 |
| 1953—June .. | 734.3 | 521.6 | 255.2 | 170.6 | 130.2 | 61.8 | 4.6 | 8.5 | 1,886.8 |
| 1953—January .. | 723.9 | 517.3 | 247.6 | 167.2 | 127.6 | 61.2 | 4.4 | 8.6 | 1,857.8 |
| February .. | 728.6 | 519.8 | 250.5 | 168.7 | 128.7 | 61.8 | 4.4 | 8.6 | 1,871.1 |
| March .. | 731.8 | 521.2 | 251.5 | 168.9 | 129.2 | 62.4 | 4.5 | 8.6 | 1,878.1 |
| April .. | 732.3 | 522.6 | 252.5 | 169.9 | 129.7 | 62.3 | 4.5 | 8.6 | 1,882.4 |
| May .. | 734.1 | 521.9 | 253.6 | 170.0 | 129.7 | 62.4 | 4.6 | 8.6 | 1,884.9 |
| 1954—January .. | 748.1 | 530.9 | 251.8 | 173.5 | 133.0 | 61.9 | 4.9 | 8.2 | 1,912.3 |
| February .. | 750.0 | 533.6 | 254.2 | 174.4 | 133.2 | 61.9 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 1,920.4 |
| March .. | 753.2 | 537.0 | 256.1 | 175.0 | 133.9 | 63.1 | 4.8 | 8.2 | 1,931.3 |
| April .. | 753.8 | 538.6 | 258.5 | 175.3 | 133.5 | 63.5 | 4.8 | 8.1 | 1,936.1 |
| May .. | 756.3 | 538.3 | 260.9 | 175.8 | 134.3 | 63.3 | 4.8 | 8.2 | 1,941.9 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 168.0 | 142.9 | 53.2 | 34.0 | 26.2 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 437.1 |
| 1951—June .. | 290.9 | 219.6 | 86.1 | 57.0 | 41.6 | 20.3 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 718.8 |
| 1952—June .. | 270.5 | 206.6 | 83.8 | 54.9 | 40.5 | 19.8 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 679.4 |
| 1953—June .. | 266.2 | 205.9 | 83.7 | 53.4 | 41.0 | 20.1 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 673.7 |
| 1953—January .. | 262.3 | 202.4 | 83.6 | 53.3 | 39.8 | 19.5 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 664.2 |
| February .. | 265.2 | 205.3 | 83.9 | 53.7 | 40.8 | 19.8 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 672.0 |
| March .. | 266.4 | 208.4 | 83.7 | 54.0 | 41.0 | 20.3 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 677.1 |
| April .. | 266.8 | 206.9 | 83.6 | 53.9 | 41.2 | 20.3 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 676.1 |
| May .. | 266.6 | 206.4 | 83.6 | 53.5 | 41.2 | 20.2 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 674.9 |
| 1954—January .. | 277.0 | 212.7 | 84.9 | 57.0 | 41.6 | 21.0 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 697.7 |
| February .. | 277.6 | 215.3 | 85.3 | 56.7 | 42.4 | 20.5 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 701.3 |
| March .. | 279.4 | 219.1 | 85.2 | 57.3 | 42.6 | 20.8 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 707.9 |
| April .. | 278.6 | 218.8 | 85.2 | 57.6 | 42.8 | 21.0 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 707.5 |
| May .. | 279.5 | 217.7 | 85.5 | 57.2 | 42.8 | 21.1 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 707.3 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 697.9 | 500.4 | 226.0 | 140.7 | 109.1 | 49.0 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 1,730.2 |
| 1951—June .. | 1,049.1 | 745.4 | 345.4 | 227.0 | 166.9 | 80.5 | 5.4 | 10.6 | 2,630.3 |
| 1952—June .. | 1,024.9 | 731.0 | 341.9 | 226.4 | 166.5 | 80.8 | 5.2 | 10.8 | 2,587.5 |
| 1953—June .. | 1,000.5 | 727.5 | 338.9 | 224.0 | 171.2 | 81.9 | 5.5 | 11.0 | 2,560.5 |
| 1953—January .. | 986.2 | 719.7 | 331.2 | 220.5 | 167.4 | 80.7 | 5.2 | 11.1 | 2,522.0 |
| February .. | 993.8 | 725.1 | 334.4 | 222.4 | 169.5 | 81.6 | 5.2 | 11.1 | 2,543.1 |
| March .. | 998.2 | 729.6 | 335.2 | 222.9 | 170.2 | 82.7 | 5.3 | 11.1 | 2,555.2 |
| April .. | 999.1 | 729.5 | 336.1 | 223.8 | 170.9 | 82.6 | 5.4 | 11.1 | 2,558.5 |
| May .. | 1,000.7 | 728.3 | 337.2 | 223.5 | 170.9 | 82.6 | 5.5 | 11.1 | 2,559.8 |
| 1954—January .. | 1,025.1 | 743.6 | 336.7 | 230.5 | 174.6 | 82.9 | 5.8 | 10.8 | 2,610.0 |
| February .. | 1,027.6 | 748.9 | 339.5 | 231.1 | 175.6 | 82.4 | 5.7 | 10.9 | 2,621.7 |
| March .. | 1,032.6 | 756.1 | 341.3 | 232.3 | 176.5 | 83.9 | 5.7 | 10.8 | 2,639.2 |
| April .. | 1,032.4 | 757.4 | 343.7 | 232.9 | 176.3 | 84.5 | 5.7 | 10.7 | 2,643.6 |
| May .. | 1,035.8 | 756.0 | 346.4 | 233.0 | 177.1 | 84.4 | 5.7 | 10.8 | 2,649.2 |

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. See also notes on page 6.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Vic-toria. | Queens-land. | South Aus-tralia. | Western Aus-tralia. | Tas-manian. | Australia. | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Un-adjusted. | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
| Monthly Average— | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 197.8 | 183.0 | 45.9 | 39.3 | 21.4 | 11.8 | 359.6 | 139.6 | 499.2 | 950 | 959 |
| 1937-38 .. | 215.6 | 193.6 | 49.6 | 42.6 | 22.0 | 12.5 | 387.7 | 148.2 | 535.9 | 1,019 | 1,019 |
| 1938-39 .. | 219.5 | 193.9 | 51.5 | 42.0 | 22.1 | 13.2 | 391.8 | 150.4 | 542.2 | 1,031 | 1,022 |
| 1946-47 .. | 331.3 | 256.1 | 68.6 | 68.2 | 32.2 | 19.2 | 578.2 | 197.4 | 775.6 | 1,475 | 1,347 |
| 1947-48 .. | 349.8 | 268.1 | 73.0 | 71.1 | 34.0 | 20.3 | 611.5 | 204.8 | 816.3 | 1,553 | 1,397 |
| 1948-49 p .. | 358.8 | 274.9 | 76.8 | 73.4 | 35.2 | 21.2 | 628.0 | 212.3 | 840.3 | 1,598 | 1,408 |
| 1949-50 p .. | 358.8 | 281.5 | 79.6 | 75.7 | 36.6 | 21.9 | 636.9 | 217.2 | 854.1 | 1,624 | 1,386 |
| 1950-51 p .. | 379.0 | 290.4 | 83.2 | 80.8 | 38.6 | 22.2 | 664.8 | 229.4 | 894.2 | 1,701 | 1,408 |
| 1951-52 p .. | 377.9 | 292.2 | 83.1 | 81.3 | 38.8 | 22.0 | 672.3 | 223.0 | 895.3 | 1,703 | 1,369 |
| 1952-53 p .. | 351.4 | 279.1 | 82.1 | 77.2 | 38.7 | 21.5 | 652.7 | 197.3 | 850.0 | 1,617 | 1,268 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 361.9 | 284.1 | 81.7 | 79.9 | 38.0 | 22.3 | 663.3 | 204.6 | 867.9 | 1,651 | 1,316 |
| June .. | 358.9 | 280.9 | 82.1 | 79.3 | 37.6 | 22.0 | 661.6 | 199.2 | 860.8 | 1,637 | 1,301 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 354.1 | 277.9 | 82.3 | 78.4 | 37.4 | 21.4 | 655.3 | 196.2 | 851.5 | 1,619 | 1,284 |
| August .. | 350.3 | 274.5 | 82.7 | 77.1 | 38.0 | 20.8 | 650.0 | 193.4 | 843.4 | 1,604 | 1,269 |
| September .. | 346.8 | 273.6 | 82.3 | 76.2 | 37.8 | 20.6 | 645.0 | 192.3 | 837.3 | 1,593 | 1,258 |
| October .. | 347.0 | 275.3 | 82.7 | 76.0 | 38.1 | 20.6 | 646.1 | 193.6 | 839.7 | 1,597 | 1,258 |
| November .. | 347.4 | 274.8 | 82.6 | 75.8 | 38.2 | 20.7 | 645.5 | 194.0 | 839.5 | 1,597 | 1,256 |
| December .. | 345.5 | 274.5 | 80.5 | 76.4 | 38.2 | 21.2 | 644.0 | 192.3 | 836.3 | 1,591 | 1,249 |
| January .. | 346.6 | 276.2 | 78.7 | 76.1 | 38.4 | 21.8 | 644.1 | 193.7 | 837.8 | 1,593 | 1,247 |
| February .. | 351.6 | 281.5 | 80.9 | 77.8 | 38.9 | 21.9 | 652.9 | 199.7 | 852.6 | 1,622 | 1,268 |
| March .. | 354.9 | 285.1 | 81.9 | 78.1 | 39.5 | 22.1 | 657.7 | 203.9 | 861.6 | 1,639 | 1,278 |
| April .. | 356.3 | 285.1 | 82.7 | 78.4 | 39.8 | 22.2 | 661.3 | 203.2 | 864.5 | 1,644 | 1,280 |
| May .. | 357.6 | 285.2 | 83.3 | 78.1 | 39.9 | 22.2 | 663.5 | 202.8 | 866.3 | 1,648 | 1,282 |
| June .. | 358.2 | 286.0 | 84.7 | 78.4 | 39.9 | 22.0 | 666.3 | 202.9 | 869.2 | 1,653 | 1,284 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 358.7 | 286.9 | 85.9 | 78.3 | 39.9 | 21.7 | 667.2 | 204.2 | 871.4 | 1,657 | 1,286 |
| August .. | 359.4 | 287.9 | 86.5 | 79.0 | 39.9 | 21.4 | 669.0 | 205.1 | 874.1 | 1,662 | 1,290 |
| September .. | 362.3 | 289.7 | 86.1 | 79.6 | 39.9 | 21.5 | 671.4 | 207.7 | 879.1 | 1,672 | 1,296 |
| October .. | 367.1 | 292.3 | 85.2 | 80.1 | 40.0 | 21.7 | 675.3 | 211.1 | 886.4 | 1,686 | 1,306 |
| November .. | 370.2 | 294.3 | 85.2 | 80.9 | 40.2 | 21.8 | 679.4 | 213.2 | 892.6 | 1,698 | 1,313 |
| December .. | 370.5 | 294.1 | 82.5 | 82.3 | 40.3 | 22.3 | 678.1 | 213.9 | 892.0 | 1,696 | 1,310 |
| January .. | 371.0 | 296.4 | 81.9 | 83.9 | 40.3 | 23.0 | 680.7 | 215.8 | 896.5 | 1,705 | 1,311 |
| February .. | 373.7 | 299.8 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 40.4 | 22.5 | 685.2 | 218.5 | 903.7 | 1,719 | 1,319 |
| March .. | 374.9 | 303.4 | 84.0 | 84.6 | 40.7 | 23.1 | 688.3 | 222.4 | 910.7 | 1,732 | 1,327 |
| April .. | 375.6 | 303.7 | 84.4 | 84.7 | 40.5 | 23.4 | 690.2 | 221.5 | 911.7 | 1,734 | 1,327 |
| May .. | 376.0 | 302.1 | 86.3 | 84.4 | 40.6 | 23.4 | 692.4 | 220.4 | 912.8 | 1,736 | 1,326 |

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47.. .. | 85.1 | 60.5 | 27.8 | 20.4 | 15.2 | 6.5 | 112.4 | 103.4 | 215.8 |
| 1947-48.. .. | 91.0 | 63.4 | 29.2 | 21.8 | 16.3 | 6.7 | 121.2 | 107.6 | 228.8 |
| 1948-49.. .. | 93.9 | 65.7 | 29.9 | 22.6 | 17.1 | 6.9 | 125.5 | 111.2 | 236.7 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 93.4 | 66.8 | 30.2 | 23.1 | 17.6 | 7.0 | 126.7 | 112.0 | 238.7 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 97.2 | 68.8 | 31.1 | 23.9 | 18.2 | 7.3 | 129.3 | 117.8 | 247.1 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 95.9 | 68.6 | 31.3 | 23.6 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 128.0 | 117.7 | 245.7 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 90.1 | 66.1 | 30.0 | 22.4 | 18.1 | 7.2 | 124.2 | 110.4 | 234.6 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 92.7 | 66.7 | 30.4 | 23.1 | 18.2 | 7.2 | 125.3 | 113.6 | 238.9 |
| June | 91.8 | 66.7 | 30.3 | 22.9 | 17.9 | 7.1 | 124.8 | 112.6 | 237.4 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 90.7 | 66.3 | 30.2 | 22.7 | 17.8 | 7.2 | 124.0 | 111.5 | 235.5 |
| August | 89.7 | 65.5 | 29.8 | 22.6 | 17.7 | 7.1 | 123.4 | 109.7 | 233.1 |
| September .. | 89.0 | 64.9 | 29.8 | 22.5 | 17.8 | 7.1 | 122.7 | 109.1 | 231.8 |
| October | 88.9 | 65.3 | 29.7 | 22.5 | 17.8 | 7.1 | 122.8 | 109.2 | 232.0 |
| November .. | 90.3 | 66.2 | 30.1 | 22.5 | 18.0 | 7.2 | 124.0 | 111.0 | 235.0 |
| December .. | 93.6 | 68.1 | 30.8 | 22.7 | 18.6 | 7.5 | 126.5 | 115.5 | 242.0 |
| January | 90.2 | 66.1 | 30.2 | 22.2 | 18.1 | 7.4 | 124.4 | 110.4 | 234.8 |
| February .. | 89.8 | 66.1 | 30.0 | 22.2 | 18.1 | 7.2 | 124.2 | 109.9 | 234.1 |
| March | 89.8 | 66.2 | 29.8 | 21.8 | 17.9 | 7.3 | 123.9 | 109.6 | 233.5 |
| April | 89.7 | 66.0 | 29.9 | 22.4 | 18.2 | 7.3 | 124.5 | 109.6 | 234.1 |
| May | 89.9 | 66.2 | 30.0 | 22.3 | 18.3 | 7.3 | 124.8 | 109.9 | 234.7 |
| June | 89.9 | 66.1 | 30.2 | 22.6 | 18.4 | 7.2 | 125.0 | 109.9 | 234.9 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 89.8 | 65.4 | 30.2 | 22.4 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 124.3 | 109.8 | 234.1 |
| August | 90.1 | 65.4 | 30.1 | 22.4 | 18.3 | 7.3 | 124.5 | 109.7 | 234.2 |
| September .. | 90.1 | 65.8 | 30.2 | 22.6 | 18.4 | 7.2 | 124.8 | 110.2 | 235.0 |
| October | 90.9 | 66.4 | 30.4 | 22.7 | 18.7 | 7.3 | 125.5 | 111.5 | 237.0 |
| November .. | 95.2 | 67.7 | 31.0 | 23.5 | 19.0 | 7.6 | 127.8 | 116.7 | 244.5 |
| December .. | 99.1 | 71.7 | 31.8 | 23.4 | 19.7 | 7.9 | 131.7 | 122.4 | 254.1 |
| January | 95.2 | 67.5 | 31.3 | 23.3 | 19.3 | 7.9 | 128.4 | 116.8 | 245.2 |
| February .. | 92.7 | 67.3 | 30.3 | 23.0 | 19.0 | 7.6 | 127.1 | 113.5 | 240.6 |
| March | 93.0 | 67.7 | 30.2 | 23.1 | 19.0 | 7.5 | 127.3 | 113.7 | 241.0 |
| April | 92.8 | 68.1 | 30.2 | 23.4 | 19.1 | 7.5 | 127.6 | 114.1 | 241.7 |
| May | 93.6 | 68.2 | 30.4 | 23.4 | 19.3 | 7.5 | 128.4 | 114.7 | 243.1 |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period. | | | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--|------|----|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | .. | .. | 5,838 | 3,958 | 1,770 | 1,150 | 827 | 409 | 13,952 |
| 1947-48 | .. | .. | 6,976 | 4,719 | 2,069 | 1,369 | 954 | 492 | 16,579 |
| 1948-49 | .. | .. | 8,133 | 5,540 | 2,503 | 1,644 | 1,120 | 580 | 19,520 |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | 9,018 | 6,370 | 2,838 | 1,894 | 1,315 | 672 | 22,107 |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | 11,385 | 7,916 | 3,501 | 2,389 | 1,639 | 817 | 27,647 |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 14,364 | 9,816 | 4,319 | 3,018 | 2,108 | 1,059 | 34,684 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 15,090 | 10,490 | 4,750 | 3,311 | 2,344 | 1,178 | 37,163 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| March | Qtr. | .. | 14,083 | 9,537 | 4,143 | 3,005 | 2,073 | 1,079 | 33,920 |
| June | .. | .. | 14,998 | 10,315 | 4,594 | 3,205 | 2,265 | 1,160 | 36,537 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | .. | 14,934 | 10,181 | 4,661 | 3,243 | 2,281 | 1,107 | 36,407 |
| December | .. | .. | 15,729 | 11,017 | 5,003 | 3,454 | 2,394 | 1,174 | 38,771 |
| March | .. | .. | 14,241 | 9,932 | 4,501 | 3,147 | 2,288 | 1,181 | 35,290 |
| June | .. | .. | 15,456 | 10,828 | 4,837 | 3,401 | 2,413 | 1,248 | 38,183 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | .. | 15,654 | 11,059 | 4,970 | 3,483 | 2,560 | 1,218 | 38,944 |
| December | .. | .. | 16,753 | 11,748 | 5,225 | 3,640 | 2,672 | 1,296 | 41,334 |
| March | .. | .. | 15,303 | 10,796 | 4,818 | 3,447 | 2,467 | 1,250 | 38,081 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | .. | .. | 6.81 | 6.86 | 6.00 | 6.19 | 6.18 | 5.94 | 6.59 |
| 1947-48 | .. | .. | 7.73 | 7.80 | 6.58 | 7.02 | 6.87 | 6.72 | 7.44 |
| 1948-49 | .. | .. | 8.73 | 8.84 | 7.63 | 8.03 | 7.75 | 7.56 | 8.44 |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | 9.50 | 9.78 | 8.34 | 8.83 | 8.65 | 8.49 | 9.26 |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | 11.46 | 11.70 | 9.82 | 10.58 | 10.23 | 9.99 | 11.09 |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 14.24 | 14.20 | 11.93 | 13.13 | 12.80 | 12.59 | 13.65 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 15.50 | 15.46 | 13.32 | 14.58 | 14.13 | 13.97 | 14.95 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| March | Qtr. | .. | 13.94 | 13.73 | 11.58 | 13.03 | 12.56 | 12.75 | 13.34 |
| June | .. | .. | 15.02 | 14.99 | 12.76 | 13.90 | 13.68 | 13.69 | 14.46 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | .. | 15.23 | 15.06 | 12.96 | 14.26 | 13.93 | 13.35 | 14.62 |
| December | .. | .. | 16.24 | 16.30 | 13.99 | 15.30 | 14.55 | 14.13 | 15.66 |
| March | .. | .. | 14.70 | 14.60 | 12.76 | 13.91 | 13.75 | 13.83 | 14.23 |
| June | .. | .. | 15.84 | 15.86 | 13.55 | 14.86 | 14.31 | 14.52 | 15.28 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | .. | 16.01 | 16.18 | 13.81 | 15.19 | 15.08 | 14.45 | 15.55 |
| December | .. | .. | 16.87 | 16.99 | 14.58 | 15.81 | 15.60 | 15.23 | 16.33 |
| March | .. | .. | 15.33 | 15.44 | 13.47 | 14.67 | 14.29 | 14.48 | 14.94 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1953 and of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (operative from 1st July, 1945 to 30th June, 1947) which it repealed.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

| Period. | Unemployment. | | | | | | | Sickness. | Special.(b) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | New South Wales.(c) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(d) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | Australia.(e) | Australia.(e) |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48.. .. | 637 | 140 | 2,640 | 49 | 390 | 32 | 3,888 | 8,538 | 517 |
| 1948-49.. .. | 282 | 32 | 1,094 | 15 | 121 | 31 | 1,575 | 7,614 | 591 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 8,327 | 123 | 1,371 | 241 | 155 | 30 | 10,247 | 7,585 | 897 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 287 | 71 | 326 | 6 | 59 | 14 | 763 | 7,059 | 863 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 949 | 220 | 1,374 | 24 | 64 | 16 | 2,647 | 6,454 | 993 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 17,590 | 6,168 | 4,281 | 842 | 841 | 262 | 29,984 | 7,140 | 1,408 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 6,495 | 2,698 | 3,169 | 252 | 406 | 212 | 13,232 | 7,994 | 1,868 |
| Monthly Total—(e)(f) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 4,613 | 1,133 | 2,055 | 153 | 236 | 104 | 8,294 | 6,378 | 1,148 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 7,300 | 2,947 | 2,188 | 448 | 618 | 179 | 13,680 | 6,387 | 1,172 |
| August | 13,661 | 6,454 | 2,631 | 878 | 954 | 299 | 24,877 | 6,556 | 1,153 |
| September .. | 15,982 | 7,058 | 2,716 | 954 | 790 | 306 | 27,806 | 6,830 | 1,170 |
| October (f) .. | 19,004 | 7,042 | 3,200 | 1,062 | 875 | 367 | 31,550 | 6,661 | 1,458 |
| November .. | 20,839 | 7,685 | 3,289 | 1,080 | 921 | 316 | 34,130 | 7,137 | 1,368 |
| December .. | 25,118 | 7,817 | 4,452 | 1,209 | 1,233 | 257 | 40,086 | 6,382 | 1,289 |
| January .. | 23,653 | 8,416 | 7,034 | 1,205 | 1,136 | 189 | 41,633 | 7,077 | 1,399 |
| February .. | 20,867 | 5,158 | 7,002 | 730 | 816 | 188 | 34,761 | 7,436 | 1,375 |
| March .. | 17,802 | 4,422 | 5,882 | 644 | 701 | 223 | 29,674 | 7,860 | 1,284 |
| April .. | 16,871 | 5,454 | 4,972 | 658 | 700 | 250 | 28,905 | 7,418 | 1,590 |
| May .. | 15,351 | 5,630 | 4,333 | 576 | 654 | 243 | 26,787 | 7,804 | 1,648 |
| June .. | 14,629 | 5,939 | 3,677 | 655 | 691 | 323 | 25,914 | 8,135 | 1,985 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 14,296 | 6,052 | 3,154 | 728 | 870 | 405 | 25,505 | 8,421 | 2,050 |
| August .. | 12,222 | 5,549 | 2,794 | 596 | 689 | 447 | 22,297 | 8,546 | 1,846 |
| September .. | 9,975 | 4,567 | 2,591 | 427 | 541 | 427 | 18,528 | 8,546 | 1,875 |
| October .. | 7,070 | 3,314 | 2,495 | 289 | 445 | 312 | 13,925 | 8,241 | 1,871 |
| November .. | 5,659 | 2,367 | 2,488 | 224 | 374 | 223 | 11,335 | 8,181 | 1,868 |
| December .. | 5,742 | 2,202 | 3,279 | 198 | 386 | 142 | 11,949 | 7,824 | 1,839 |
| January .. | 5,589 | 1,920 | 5,295 | 132 | 388 | 99 | 13,423 | 7,412 | 1,833 |
| February .. | 4,445 | 1,539 | 5,397 | 99 | 288 | 110 | 11,878 | 7,727 | 1,862 |
| March .. | 3,675 | 1,277 | 3,644 | 93 | 196 | 85 | 8,970 | 7,735 | 1,838 |
| April .. | 3,445 | 1,229 | 3,252 | 77 | 239 | 78 | 8,320 | 7,502 | 1,825 |
| May .. | 3,014 | 1,161 | 1,986 | 79 | 225 | 107 | 6,572 | 7,996 | 1,853 |
| June .. | 2,810 | 1,203 | 1,657 | 79 | 225 | 109 | 6,083 | 7,802 | 1,852 |

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (f) From June to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month; thereafter, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

For meaning of symbol ———, see page 1.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. | | | Amount Paid in Benefits. | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Unemployment. | Sickness. | Special— | | Total. |
| | | | | | | Migrants. | Ordinary. | |
| | | | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48.. .. | 2,273 | 116 | 2,389 | 30,802 | 65,944 | 1,319 | 3,391 | 101,456 |
| 1948-49.. .. | 955 | 56 | 1,011 | 11,570 | 66,319 | 7,088 | 4,225 | 89,202 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 10,854 | 2,571 | 13,425 | 105,506 | 68,001 | 35,361 | | 208,868 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 881 | 111 | 992 | 5,204 | 62,143 | 13,520 | 5,568 | 86,435 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 1,771 | 520 | 2,291 | 15,584 | 59,157 | 6,911 | 2,319 | 83,971 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 12,793 | 1,797 | 14,590 | 380,812 | 116,108 | 8,172 | 16,197 | 521,289 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 4,368 | 810 | 5,178 | | | | | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| June | 5,068 | 1,500 | 6,568 | 42,345 | 61,706 | 5,480 | 9,265 | 118,796 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 9,037 | 2,049 | 11,086 | 62,782 | 52,981 | 15,648 | 8,391 | 139,802 |
| August | 18,387 | 3,257 | 21,644 | 108,369 | 59,372 | 9,963 | 9,420 | 187,124 |
| September | 13,491 | 1,914 | 15,405 | 165,905 | 64,754 | 10,213 | 6,007 | 246,879 |
| October | 14,502 | 1,839 | 16,341 | 322,697 | 102,636 | 15,193 | 10,095 | 450,621 |
| November | 17,071 | 2,158 | 19,229 | 418,642 | 125,295 | 3,649 | 21,388 | 568,974 |
| December | 12,611 | 1,572 | 14,183 | 466,964 | 125,610 | 4,358 | 19,753 | 616,685 |
| January | 19,276 | 1,651 | 20,927 | 554,904 | 145,912 | 10,905 | 22,529 | 734,250 |
| February | 11,509 | 1,513 | 13,022 | 619,691 | 145,556 | 9,706 | 17,999 | 792,952 |
| March | 8,525 | 1,249 | 9,774 | 479,235 | 122,060 | 3,525 | 14,134 | 618,954 |
| April | 9,641 | 1,299 | 10,940 | 413,500 | 116,520 | 5,844 | 15,348 | 551,212 |
| May | 10,716 | 1,698 | 12,414 | 489,769 | 169,313 | 6,857 | 23,463 | 689,402 |
| June | 8,746 | 1,371 | 10,117 | 467,289 | 163,285 | 2,204 | 25,839 | 658,617 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 8,233 | 1,467 | 9,700 | 367,739 | 142,114 | 7,141 | 28,352 | 545,346 |
| August | 8,153 | 1,377 | 9,530 | 332,777 | 144,316 | 2,822 | 26,808 | 506,723 |
| September | 4,772 | 838 | 5,610 | 317,878 | 153,423 | 3,734 | 27,103 | 502,138 |
| October | 4,565 | 845 | 5,410 | 265,396 | 151,519 | 722 | 25,720 | 443,357 |
| November | 2,919 | 630 | 3,549 | 196,558 | 146,036 | 3,355 | 26,119 | 372,068 |
| December | 3,448 | 523 | 3,971 | 178,023 | 163,169 | 3,647 | 27,693 | 372,532 |
| January | 6,883 | 749 | 7,632 | 174,118 | 135,747 | 7,449 | 21,595 | 338,909 |
| February | 4,310 | 714 | 5,024 | 170,361 | 121,033 | 4,538 | 19,923 | 315,855 |
| March | 2,719 | 645 | 3,364 | 171,167 | 136,753 | 2,926 | 25,690 | 336,536 |
| April | 2,297 | 599 | 2,896 | 122,952 | 132,694 | 3,725 | 24,150 | 283,521 |
| May | 2,389 | 764 | 3,153 | 123,805 | 138,620 | 6,826 | 29,375 | 298,626 |
| June | 1,730 | 564 | 2,294 | | | | | |

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The figures subsequent to 1948-49 may be revised when the results of the 1952-53 Census of Retail Establishments are available. (£ million.)

| Period. | New South Wales | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania. | Total (A) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 .. | 96.3 | 67.6 | 32.6 | 20.1 | 16.3 | 7.5 | 240.4 |
| 1948-49 .. | 114.6 | 80.0 | 38.6 | 24.5 | 19.8 | 8.8 | 286.3 |
| 1949-50 .. | 133.3 | 96.9 | 45.8 | 30.3 | 24.2 | 10.3 | 340.8 |
| 1950-51 .. | 167.2 | 118.8 | 56.5 | 37.2 | 29.7 | 12.9 | 422.3 |
| 1951-52 .. | 188.7 | 135.2 | 64.0 | 43.8 | 35.3 | 15.5 | 482.5 |
| 1952-53 .. | 190.3 | 136.3 | 67.1 | 44.2 | 36.6 | 16.0 | 490.5 |
| 1953-54 .. | 206.1 | 147.3 | 73.4 | 48.2 | 39.9 | 17.4 | 532.3 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| June Qtr. | 185.3 | 133.9 | 62.8 | 44.3 | 36.3 | 15.5 | 478.1 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 179.5 | 127.7 | 62.6 | 41.0 | 34.3 | 14.9 | 460.0 |
| December .. | 209.6 | 148.8 | 72.6 | 47.1 | 39.4 | 17.7 | 535.2 |
| March .. | 180.1 | 130.3 | 64.0 | 42.8 | 35.5 | 15.1 | 467.8 |
| June .. | 192.1 | 138.6 | 69.2 | 45.8 | 37.0 | 16.4 | 499.1 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 193.9 | 138.1 | 70.0 | 45.6 | 37.9 | 16.8 | 502.3 |
| December .. | 226.5 | 162.1 | 79.9 | 53.2 | 43.6 | 19.2 | 584.5 |
| March .. | 194.5 | 139.7 | 67.9 | 45.3 | 37.7 | 16.1 | 501.2 |
| June p .. | 209.5 | 149.3 | 75.6 | 48.8 | 40.6 | 17.5 | 541.3 |

(a) Includes retail sales of motor vehicles, parts, petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(£ million.)

| Period. | Groceries. | Butchers' Meat. | Other Food. (b) | Beer, Wine and Spirits. | Clothing, Drapery and Footwear. | Hardware. | Electrical Goods. | Furniture. | Other Goods. | Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, &c.) | Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 .. | 31.9 | 39.4 | | (c) | 49.8 | (c) | (c) | (c) | (c) | 211.0 | 29.4 | 240.4 |
| 1948-49 .. | 35.9 | 16.3 | 29.1 | 23.8 | 59.5 | 18.1 | 8.5 | 11.6 | 42.0 | 244.8 | 41.5 | 286.3 |
| 1949-50 .. | 40.1 | 18.6 | 32.9 | 26.1 | 65.4 | 20.8 | 10.2 | 13.4 | 49.5 | 277.0 | 63.8 | 340.8 |
| 1950-51 .. | 46.2 | 22.3 | 38.9 | 30.4 | 80.7 | 27.5 | 14.6 | 18.6 | 59.4 | 338.6 | 83.7 | 422.3 |
| 1951-52 .. | 57.4 | 28.3 | 47.1 | 37.7 | 85.7 | 32.0 | 16.5 | 18.1 | 70.3 | 393.1 | 89.4 | 482.5 |
| 1952-53 .. | 64.4 | 30.0 | 51.9 | 42.3 | 85.7 | 32.1 | 15.5 | 17.1 | 70.2 | 409.2 | 81.3 | 490.5 |
| 1953-54 .. | 67.3 | 31.0 | 55.2 | 45.6 | 93.3 | 34.8 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 73.9 | 438.4 | 93.9 | 532.3 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June Qtr. .. | 60.9 | 29.6 | 47.5 | 37.8 | 89.8 | 31.2 | 13.9 | 16.6 | 67.5 | 394.8 | 83.3 | 478.1 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 61.9 | 30.1 | 48.7 | 37.9 | 78.0 | 30.2 | 13.9 | 16.4 | 67.1 | 384.2 | 75.8 | 460.0 |
| Dec. .. | 67.9 | 30.2 | 54.4 | 46.5 | 97.5 | 35.2 | 18.5 | 18.6 | 79.7 | 448.5 | 86.7 | 535.2 |
| Mar. .. | 62.3 | 29.2 | 52.1 | 43.8 | 73.9 | 30.4 | 14.9 | 16.2 | 66.5 | 389.3 | 78.5 | 467.8 |
| June .. | 65.3 | 30.6 | 52.5 | 40.9 | 94.0 | 32.7 | 14.5 | 17.0 | 67.5 | 415.0 | 84.1 | 499.1 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 66.6 | 31.3 | 53.0 | 40.9 | 84.8 | 33.3 | 16.2 | 18.3 | 69.8 | 414.2 | 88.1 | 502.3 |
| Dec. .. | 71.4 | 31.3 | 58.2 | 50.6 | 107.5 | 39.1 | 22.7 | 21.1 | 84.9 | 486.8 | 97.7 | 584.5 |
| Mar. .. | 64.1 | 30.1 | 55.5 | 47.0 | 79.6 | 32.1 | 17.7 | 16.8 | 68.7 | 411.6 | 89.6 | 501.2 |
| June p .. | 67.0 | 31.5 | 54.1 | 44.0 | 101.3 | 34.8 | 17.3 | 18.8 | 72.3 | 441.1 | 100.2 | 541.3 |

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice

cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(c) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48

not collected.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods at retail but do not retail goods themselves. Particulars of agreements originally made between retailers and customers and subsequently assigned to finance companies are not included in agreements made during each quarter nor, up to 31st December, 1953, in balances outstanding. Commencing March, 1954, however, details of balances outstanding on agreements assigned to finance companies were collected and are included in the figures for that date.

AGREEMENTS MADE DURING EACH QUARTER : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Number of Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) | | Amount Financed.(b) | | Average Proportion of Sale Financed.(b) Per cent. |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | | Total. (£'000.) | Average per Agreement. (£) | Total. (£'000.) | Average per Agreement. (£) | |
| MOTOR VEHICLES, PLANT AND MACHINERY. | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— 1953.. .. . | 47,597 | 32,817 | 689 | 17,693 | 372 | 54 |
| Quarterly Total— 1953— | | | | | | |
| March Quarter | 41,714 | 27,297 | 654 | 15,122 | 363 | 55 |
| June " | 41,859 | 29,554 | 706 | 15,843 | 378 | 54 |
| September | 48,999 | 34,651 | 707 | 18,410 | 376 | 53 |
| December | 57,814 | 39,766 | 688 | 21,396 | 370 | 54 |
| 1954— | | | | | | |
| March— | | | | | | |
| Motor Vehicles | 53,242 | 34,915 | 656 | 19,794 | 372 | 57 |
| Plant and Machinery | 2,409 | 1,414 | 586 | 829 | 344 | 58 |
| Total | 55,651 | 36,329 | 653 | 20,623 | 373 | 57 |
| HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS. | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— 1953.. .. . | 113,563 | 8,172 | 72 | 6,279 | 55 | 77 |
| Quarterly Total— 1953— | | | | | | |
| March Quarter | 103,728 | 7,592 | 73 | 5,676 | 55 | 75 |
| June " | 95,889 | 6,178 | 64 | 4,725 | 49 | 76 |
| September | 112,593 | 7,718 | 69 | 5,988 | 53 | 78 |
| December | 142,041 | 11,198 | 79 | 8,726 | 61 | 78 |
| 1954— | | | | | | |
| March | 134,201 | 10,971 | 82 | 8,556 | 64 | 78 |
| TOTAL (ALL GOODS). | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— 1953.. .. . | 161,159 | 40,989 | 254 | 23,972 | 149 | 58 |
| Quarterly Total— 1953— | | | | | | |
| March Quarter | 145,442 | 34,889 | 240 | 20,798 | 143 | 60 |
| June " | 137,748 | 35,732 | 259 | 20,568 | 149 | 58 |
| September | 161,592 | 42,369 | 262 | 24,398 | 151 | 58 |
| December | 199,855 | 50,964 | 255 | 30,122 | 151 | 59 |
| 1954— | | | | | | |
| March | 189,852 | 47,300 | 249 | 29,179 | 154 | 62 |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING AT END OF EACH QUARTER.(a)

(INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE.)

(£'000.)

| At end of— | New South Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(c) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1953— | | | | | | | |
| March Quarter .. | 33,692 | 19,241 | 14,468 | 7,472 | 5,909 | 2,751 | 83,533 |
| June .. | 34,081 | 19,654 | 15,137 | 7,819 | 6,170 | 2,897 | 85,758 |
| September .. | 36,619 | 21,281 | 16,191 | 8,711 | 6,785 | 3,199 | 92,786 |
| December .. | 42,283 | 24,460 | 18,279 | 10,092 | 7,782 | 3,595 | 106,491 |
| 1954— | | | | | | | |
| March .. (d) .. | 45,607 | 26,904 | 19,366 | 11,224 | 8,517 | 4,001 | 115,619 |

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) See letterpress at top of page 14.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

| Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded. | | | | Month. | Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.(a) | | | | | Monthly Net Sales Recorded. | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|----------|---|------|------|------|-----|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Year. | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. | | 12½% | 16½% | 20% | 33½% | 50% | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. |
| 1936-37 .. | 15.4 | 21.8 | 37.2 | 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| 1937-38 .. | 16.9 | 23.6 | 40.5 | Mar. .. | 36.5 | .. | 11.4 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 50.5 | 120.7 | 171.2 |
| 1938-39 .. | 16.4 | 23.4 | 39.8 | Apr. .. | 35.3 | .. | 10.7 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 48.5 | 115.9 | 164.4 |
| | | | | May .. | 35.4 | .. | 10.9 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 48.7 | 121.7 | 170.4 |
| | | | | June .. | 33.6 | .. | 10.6 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 46.2 | 125.2 | 171.4 |
| 1946-47 .. | 24.6 | 42.2 | 66.8 | 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 .. | 26.2 | 53.3 | 79.5 | July .. | 35.7 | .. | 11.9 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 49.6 | 119.7 | 169.3 |
| 1948-49 .. | 30.3 | 63.1 | 93.4 | Aug. .. | 33.1 | .. | 9.5 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 44.1 | 117.5 | 161.6 |
| 1949-50 .. | 38.0 | 72.2 | 110.2 | Sept. .. | 40.7 | 16.5 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 60.5 | 128.5 | 189.0 |
| 1950-51 .. | 45.6 | 94.9 | 140.5 | Oct. .. | 43.5 | 19.2 | .. | .. | .. | 62.7 | 125.8 | 188.5 |
| 1951-52 .. | 52.0 | 110.1 | 162.1 | Nov. .. | 44.1 | 20.2 | .. | .. | .. | 64.3 | 130.8 | 195.1 |
| 1952-53 .. | 46.3 | 111.8 | 158.1 | Dec. .. | 49.5 | 19.9 | .. | .. | .. | 69.4 | 123.8 | 193.2 |
| | | | | Jan.r .. | 34.3 | 12.4 | .. | .. | .. | 46.7 | 100.1 | 146.8 |
| | | | | Feb.(b)r | 37.0 | 15.0 | .. | .. | .. | 52.0 | 110.5 | 162.5 |
| | | | | Mar.(b) | 44.0 | 18.5 | .. | .. | .. | 62.5 | 120.0 | 182.5 |

(a) On 10th September, 1953, the special rates of 20, 33½ and 50 per cent. were discontinued and the special rate of 16½ per cent. was imposed.

(b) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials for use in— | | | | | | | | Fuels and Lubricants. | | Auxiliary Aids to Production. | | Munitions and War Stores. | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|----------------|------|----------|------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------|
| | Building and Construction. | | Rural Industries. | | Manufacturing. | | Total. | | | | | | | |
| | Class Ia. | | Class Ib. | | Class Ic. | | Class I. | | Class II. | | Class III. | | Class VII. | |
| Monthly Average— | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % |
| 1936-37 .. | 347 | 4.0 | 143 | 1.7 | 3,435 | 39.9 | 3,925 | 45.6 | 621 | 7.2 | 408 | 4.7 | 31 | 0.4 |
| 1937-38 .. | 472 | 4.4 | 155 | 1.5 | 4,285 | 40.2 | 4,912 | 46.1 | 784 | 7.4 | 470 | 4.4 | 36 | 0.4 |
| 1938-39 .. | 385 | 4.1 | 171 | 1.8 | 3,599 | 38.2 | 4,155 | 44.1 | 736 | 7.8 | 469 | 4.9 | 88 | 0.9 |
| 1946-47 .. | 405 | 2.3 | 316 | 1.8 | 7,595 | 43.8 | 8,316 | 47.9 | 1,527 | 8.8 | 1,129 | 6.5 | 428 | 2.5 |
| 1947-48 .. | 727 | 2.6 | 289 | 1.0 | 12,362 | 43.9 | 13,378 | 47.5 | 2,379 | 8.4 | 2,059 | 7.3 | 129 | 0.5 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,194 | 3.5 | 318 | 0.9 | 13,545 | 39.2 | 15,057 | 43.6 | 3,037 | 8.8 | 2,212 | 6.4 | 257 | 0.7 |
| 1949-50 .. | 2,026 | 4.5 | 431 | 1.0 | 14,438 | 32.3 | 16,895 | 37.8 | 3,852 | 8.6 | 2,390 | 5.4 | 129 | 0.3 |
| 1950-51 .. | 3,416 | 5.5 | 416 | 0.7 | 23,479 | 38.0 | 27,311 | 44.2 | 5,029 | 8.1 | 2,829 | 4.6 | 94 | 0.2 |
| 1951-52 .. | 4,898 | 5.6 | 518 | 0.6 | 34,630 | 39.6 | 40,046 | 45.8 | 5,902 | 6.7 | 5,236 | 6.0 | 1,132 | 1.3 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,482 | 3.5 | 368 | 0.9 | 14,620 | 34.4 | 16,470 | 38.8 | 5,313 | 12.5 | 1,894 | 4.5 | 755 | 1.8 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 3,629 | 4.8 | 497 | 0.7 | 24,611 | 32.7 | 28,737 | 38.2 | 6,753 | 9.0 | 5,042 | 6.7 | 2,626 | 3.5 |
| June .. | 1,828 | 3.3 | 310 | 0.6 | 19,467 | 35.5 | 21,605 | 39.4 | 6,021 | 11.0 | 3,255 | 5.9 | 2,051 | 3.8 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,736 | 3.5 | 385 | 0.8 | 16,940 | 33.9 | 19,061 | 38.2 | 6,608 | 13.3 | 4,240 | 8.5 | 890 | 1.8 |
| August .. | 836 | 2.1 | 405 | 1.0 | 15,161 | 38.3 | 16,402 | 41.4 | 5,465 | 13.8 | 2,879 | 7.3 | 297 | 0.8 |
| September | 1,490 | 3.5 | 458 | 1.1 | 15,464 | 36.6 | 17,412 | 41.2 | 6,222 | 14.7 | 1,844 | 4.4 | 381 | 0.9 |
| October | 1,722 | 3.8 | 403 | 0.9 | 13,500 | 30.2 | 15,625 | 34.9 | 5,924 | 13.2 | 814 | 1.8 | 305 | 0.7 |
| November | 1,395 | 3.9 | 246 | 0.7 | 12,565 | 35.4 | 14,206 | 40.0 | 4,551 | 12.8 | 1,227 | 3.5 | 407 | 1.1 |
| December | 1,400 | 3.7 | 276 | 0.7 | 12,329 | 31.9 | 14,005 | 36.3 | 5,127 | 13.3 | 1,358 | 3.6 | 223 | 0.6 |
| January .. | 1,407 | 3.1 | 316 | 0.7 | 15,906 | 35.6 | 17,629 | 39.4 | 5,549 | 12.4 | 1,575 | 3.5 | 267 | 0.6 |
| February | 1,280 | 3.1 | 404 | 1.0 | 13,393 | 32.2 | 15,077 | 36.3 | 4,910 | 11.8 | 1,330 | 3.2 | 4,362 | 10.5 |
| March .. | 1,478 | 3.3 | 331 | 0.8 | 15,620 | 35.3 | 17,429 | 39.4 | 4,472 | 10.1 | 1,642 | 3.7 | 222 | 0.5 |
| April .. | 1,525 | 3.6 | 337 | 0.7 | 14,393 | 33.3 | 16,255 | 37.6 | 5,802 | 13.4 | 1,514 | 3.5 | 459 | 1.1 |
| May .. | 1,762 | 4.0 | 500 | 1.1 | 15,683 | 35.5 | 17,945 | 40.6 | 4,961 | 11.2 | 2,072 | 4.7 | 621 | 1.4 |
| June .. | 1,749 | 4.2 | 363 | 0.9 | 14,483 | 34.5 | 16,595 | 39.6 | 4,170 | 9.9 | 2,238 | 5.3 | 625 | 1.5 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,455 | 2.8 | 358 | 0.7 | 17,737 | 34.1 | 19,550 | 37.6 | 6,541 | 12.6 | 2,043 | 3.9 | 518 | 1.0 |
| August .. | 1,866 | 3.6 | 364 | 0.7 | 18,760 | 35.9 | 20,990 | 40.2 | 4,565 | 8.7 | 2,144 | 4.1 | 747 | 1.5 |
| September | 1,875 | 3.5 | 358 | 0.7 | 18,249 | 34.4 | 20,482 | 38.6 | 6,258 | 11.8 | 2,473 | 4.6 | 239 | 0.5 |
| October | 1,611 | 3.2 | 306 | 0.6 | 18,018 | 35.7 | 19,935 | 39.5 | 5,786 | 11.5 | 1,201 | 2.4 | 328 | 0.6 |
| November | 1,626 | 3.2 | 383 | 0.8 | 18,628 | 36.7 | 20,637 | 40.7 | 6,152 | 12.2 | 1,372 | 2.7 | 497 | 1.0 |
| December | 2,126 | 3.6 | 607 | 1.0 | 21,037 | 35.9 | 23,770 | 40.5 | 4,725 | 8.1 | 1,896 | 3.2 | 375 | 0.6 |
| January .. | 2,091 | 3.5 | 384 | 0.6 | 21,257 | 35.2 | 23,732 | 39.3 | 6,498 | 10.7 | 1,764 | 2.9 | 235 | 0.4 |
| February | 1,556 | 3.4 | 444 | 1.0 | 17,587 | 38.8 | 19,587 | 43.2 | 4,023 | 8.9 | 1,417 | 3.1 | 254 | 0.5 |
| March .. | 2,043 | 3.0 | 519 | 0.8 | 25,655 | 38.4 | 28,217 | 42.2 | 6,667 | 10.0 | 1,870 | 2.8 | 272 | 0.4 |
| April .. | 2,158 | 4.1 | 518 | 1.0 | 18,318 | 35.2 | 20,994 | 40.3 | 4,934 | 9.4 | 1,500 | 2.9 | 149 | 0.3 |
| May .. | 2,421 | 4.0 | 410 | 0.7 | 22,421 | 37.3 | 25,252 | 42.0 | 6,532 | 10.9 | 2,350 | 3.9 | 321 | 0.5 |

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Capital Equipment. | | | | | | Finished Consumer Goods. | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|--------|------|
| | Producers' Equipment. | | Transport Equipment. | | | | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. | | Clothing and Accessories. | | All Other. | | Total. | |
| | | | Road Vehicles and Complete Parts. | | Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class IV. | | Class V. B. | | Class V. A, C, D. | | Class VI. A, B, C. | | Class VI. D. | | Class VI. E-J. | | Class VI. | | |
| Monthly Average— | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % |
| 1936-37 .. | 884 | 10.3 | 872 | 10.2 | 146 | 1.7 | 516 | 6.0 | 46 | 0.5 | 1,157 | 13.4 | 1,719 | 19.9 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,149 | 10.9 | 1,161 | 11.0 | 205 | 1.9 | 531 | 5.0 | 68 | 0.6 | 1,299 | 12.3 | 1,898 | 17.9 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,104 | 11.7 | 899 | 9.5 | 119 | 1.3 | 564 | 6.0 | 84 | 0.9 | 1,217 | 12.9 | 1,865 | 19.8 |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,435 | 8.3 | 1,544 | 8.9 | 231 | 1.3 | 868 | 5.0 | 107 | 0.6 | 1,777 | 10.2 | 2,752 | 15.8 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,393 | 8.5 | 2,437 | 8.6 | 172 | 0.6 | 1,617 | 5.7 | 280 | 1.0 | 3,330 | 11.9 | 5,227 | 18.6 |
| 1948-49 .. | 3,409 | 9.9 | 4,231 | 12.2 | 355 | 1.0 | 1,619 | 4.7 | 614 | 1.8 | 3,714 | 10.9 | 5,947 | 17.4 |
| 1949-50 .. | 5,297 | 11.9 | 8,643 | 19.3 | 497 | 1.1 | 2,163 | 4.8 | 578 | 1.3 | 4,233 | 9.5 | 6,974 | 15.6 |
| 1950-51 .. | 6,675 | 10.8 | 9,239 | 14.9 | 1,137 | 1.8 | 2,871 | 4.7 | 745 | 1.2 | 5,893 | 9.5 | 9,509 | 15.4 |
| 1951-52 .. | 9,960 | 11.4 | 10,941 | 12.5 | 1,661 | 1.9 | 3,074 | 3.5 | 1,149 | 1.3 | 8,377 | 9.6 | 12,600 | 14.4 |
| 1952-53 .. | 8,409 | 19.7 | 3,569 | 8.3 | 1,703 | 4.0 | 1,917 | 4.5 | 130 | 0.3 | 2,369 | 5.6 | 4,416 | 10.4 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 12,447 | 16.5 | 10,073 | 13.4 | 1,479 | 2.0 | 2,206 | 2.9 | 419 | 0.5 | 5,535 | 7.3 | 8,160 | 10.7 |
| June .. | 10,000 | 18.2 | 5,149 | 9.4 | 1,665 | 3.0 | 1,859 | 3.4 | 141 | 0.3 | 3,134 | 5.6 | 5,134 | 9.3 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 8,474 | 17.0 | 4,852 | 9.7 | 2,048 | 4.1 | 1,577 | 3.2 | 118 | 0.2 | 2,011 | 4.0 | 3,706 | 7.4 |
| August .. | 6,489 | 16.4 | 2,859 | 7.2 | 1,902 | 4.8 | 1,434 | 3.6 | 98 | 0.2 | 1,726 | 4.5 | 3,258 | 8.3 |
| September .. | 8,231 | 19.4 | 2,667 | 6.3 | 1,355 | 3.2 | 2,146 | 5.1 | 105 | 0.2 | 1,928 | 4.6 | 4,179 | 9.9 |
| October .. | 10,093 | 22.6 | 2,933 | 6.5 | 4,326 | 9.7 | 1,590 | 3.6 | 107 | 0.2 | 3,036 | 6.8 | 4,733 | 10.6 |
| November .. | 7,299 | 20.5 | 3,004 | 8.5 | 1,678 | 4.7 | 1,135 | 3.2 | 80 | 0.2 | 1,949 | 5.5 | 3,164 | 8.9 |
| December .. | 8,322 | 21.6 | 3,074 | 8.0 | 2,337 | 6.1 | 1,915 | 5.0 | 111 | 0.3 | 2,004 | 5.2 | 4,030 | 10.5 |
| January .. | 9,158 | 20.5 | 4,555 | 10.2 | 1,464 | 3.3 | 2,221 | 5.0 | 105 | 0.2 | 2,181 | 4.9 | 4,507 | 10.1 |
| February .. | 8,639 | 20.8 | 3,002 | 7.2 | 1,358 | 3.3 | 917 | 2.2 | 72 | 0.2 | 1,850 | 4.5 | 2,839 | 6.9 |
| March .. | 9,246 | 20.9 | 4,159 | 9.4 | 2,018 | 4.6 | 1,960 | 4.4 | 197 | 0.5 | 2,865 | 6.5 | 5,022 | 11.4 |
| April .. | 8,790 | 20.3 | 3,803 | 8.8 | 555 | 1.3 | 2,947 | 6.8 | 208 | 0.5 | 2,931 | 6.7 | 6,086 | 14.0 |
| May .. | 8,130 | 18.4 | 3,907 | 8.8 | 493 | 1.1 | 2,913 | 6.6 | 157 | 0.3 | 3,037 | 6.9 | 6,107 | 13.8 |
| June .. | 8,032 | 19.1 | 4,012 | 9.6 | 898 | 2.1 | 2,253 | 5.4 | 204 | 0.5 | 2,898 | 7.0 | 5,355 | 12.9 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 8,753 | 16.8 | 5,247 | 10.1 | 799 | 1.5 | 3,829 | 7.4 | 283 | 0.5 | 4,490 | 8.6 | 8,602 | 16.5 |
| August .. | 9,910 | 19.0 | 5,584 | 10.7 | 1,076 | 2.0 | 2,458 | 4.7 | 275 | 0.5 | 4,484 | 8.6 | 7,217 | 13.8 |
| September .. | 10,001 | 18.8 | 5,299 | 10.0 | 1,050 | 2.0 | 2,069 | 3.9 | 384 | 0.7 | 4,823 | 9.1 | 7,276 | 13.7 |
| October .. | 8,239 | 16.3 | 4,638 | 9.2 | 1,657 | 3.3 | 2,744 | 5.4 | 370 | 0.7 | 5,602 | 11.1 | 8,716 | 17.2 |
| November .. | 7,804 | 15.4 | 4,889 | 9.7 | 1,348 | 2.6 | 2,209 | 4.4 | 409 | 0.8 | 5,356 | 10.5 | 7,974 | 15.7 |
| December .. | 9,200 | 15.7 | 5,552 | 9.5 | 3,448 | 5.8 | 2,545 | 4.3 | 443 | 0.8 | 6,736 | 11.5 | 9,724 | 16.6 |
| January .. | 10,854 | 18.0 | 6,091 | 10.1 | 1,202 | 2.0 | 3,220 | 5.3 | 525 | 0.9 | 6,258 | 10.4 | 10,003 | 16.6 |
| February .. | 7,016 | 15.5 | 4,773 | 10.5 | 1,075 | 2.4 | 2,442 | 5.4 | 412 | 0.9 | 4,366 | 9.6 | 7,220 | 15.9 |
| March .. | 10,794 | 16.1 | 6,155 | 9.2 | 1,939 | 2.9 | 2,816 | 4.2 | 798 | 1.2 | 7,358 | 11.0 | 10,972 | 16.4 |
| April .. | 10,632 | 20.4 | 5,069 | 9.6 | 1,312 | 2.5 | 2,520 | 4.8 | 562 | 1.1 | 4,517 | 8.7 | 7,599 | 14.6 |
| May .. | 8,929 | 14.8 | 7,220 | 12.0 | 1,315 | 2.2 | 1,959 | 3.3 | 447 | 0.7 | 5,837 | 9.7 | 8,243 | 13.7 |

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials. (Class I.) | | | Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) | | | Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.) | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 1,024 | 373 | 2,528 | 45 | 303 | 1,371 | 1,069 | 1,505 | 6,032 | 8,606 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,241 | 449 | 3,222 | 48 | 300 | 1,550 | 1,289 | 1,796 | 7,530 | 10,615 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,100 | 351 | 2,704 | 55 | 309 | 1,501 | 1,155 | 1,627 | 6,653 | 9,435 |
| 1946-47 .. | 2,422 | 795 | 5,099 | 109 | 634 | 2,009 | 2,531 | 3,321 | 11,510 | 17,362 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,903 | 1,803 | 8,672 | 107 | 1,110 | 4,010 | 3,010 | 5,872 | 19,292 | 28,174 |
| 1948-49 .. | 3,273 | 2,059 | 9,725 | 133 | 899 | 4,915 | 3,406 | 6,738 | 24,361 | 34,505 |
| 1949-50 .. | 3,916 | 1,777 | 11,202 | 180 | 1,277 | 5,517 | 4,096 | 7,851 | 32,730 | 44,677 |
| 1950-51 .. | 7,012 | 3,185 | 17,114 | 273 | 1,600 | 7,636 | 7,285 | 10,961 | 43,577 | 61,823 |
| 1951-52 .. | 7,788 | 4,788 | 27,469 | 359 | 1,446 | 10,795 | 8,147 | 13,933 | 65,398 | 87,478 |
| 1952-53 .. | 4,712 | 2,195 | 9,563 | 251 | 1,182 | 2,983 | 4,963 | 9,443 | 28,123 | 42,529 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 6,498 | 2,512 | 19,727 | 375 | 1,087 | 6,698 | 6,873 | 12,011 | 56,433 | 75,317 |
| June .. | 4,656 | 2,820 | 14,129 | 142 | 1,581 | 3,411 | 4,798 | 11,675 | 38,407 | 54,880 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 5,121 | 1,780 | 12,160 | 110 | 1,011 | 2,585 | 5,231 | 10,550 | 34,098 | 49,879 |
| August .. | 4,445 | 2,768 | 9,189 | 173 | 998 | 2,087 | 4,618 | 9,994 | 24,939 | 39,551 |
| September .. | 4,823 | 2,956 | 9,633 | 221 | 1,543 | 2,415 | 5,044 | 11,514 | 25,733 | 42,291 |
| October .. | 3,648 | 2,084 | 9,893 | 333 | 906 | 3,494 | 3,981 | 8,949 | 31,823 | 44,753 |
| November .. | 4,240 | 2,342 | 7,624 | 159 | 518 | 2,487 | 4,399 | 8,001 | 23,136 | 35,535 |
| December .. | 4,016 | 1,214 | 8,775 | 200 | 1,137 | 2,693 | 4,216 | 8,196 | 26,064 | 38,476 |
| January .. | 4,928 | 2,407 | 10,294 | 367 | 1,480 | 2,660 | 5,295 | 10,294 | 29,115 | 44,704 |
| February .. | 5,095 | 1,368 | 8,614 | 115 | 473 | 2,251 | 5,210 | 7,490 | 28,817 | 41,517 |
| March .. | 4,780 | 2,212 | 10,437 | 199 | 1,270 | 3,553 | 4,979 | 8,789 | 30,442 | 44,210 |
| April .. | 5,046 | 2,308 | 8,901 | 482 | 1,825 | 3,779 | 5,528 | 10,767 | 26,969 | 43,264 |
| May .. | 5,158 | 2,709 | 10,078 | 320 | 1,773 | 4,014 | 5,478 | 10,332 | 28,426 | 44,236 |
| June .. | 5,246 | 2,194 | 9,155 | 331 | 1,250 | 3,772 | 5,577 | 8,434 | 27,914 | 41,925 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 5,168 | 2,593 | 11,789 | 687 | 1,749 | 6,166 | 5,855 | 11,899 | 34,299 | 52,053 |
| August .. | 5,421 | 3,375 | 12,194 | 295 | 1,461 | 5,461 | 5,716 | 10,444 | 36,073 | 52,233 |
| September .. | 4,806 | 3,070 | 12,606 | 255 | 1,026 | 5,995 | 5,061 | 11,379 | 36,638 | 53,078 |
| October .. | 4,754 | 3,093 | 12,088 | 444 | 1,528 | 6,744 | 5,198 | 11,393 | 33,909 | 50,500 |
| November .. | 5,615 | 2,758 | 12,264 | 362 | 1,138 | 6,474 | 5,977 | 11,009 | 33,687 | 50,673 |
| December .. | 6,400 | 3,026 | 14,344 | 327 | 1,175 | 8,222 | 6,727 | 10,097 | 41,866 | 58,690 |
| January .. | 6,324 | 2,966 | 14,442 | 194 | 2,044 | 7,765 | 6,518 | 12,677 | 41,184 | 60,379 |
| February .. | 6,447 | 2,510 | 10,630 | 329 | 1,416 | 5,475 | 6,776 | 8,902 | 29,687 | 45,365 |
| March .. | 7,703 | 3,740 | 16,774 | 509 | 1,622 | 8,841 | 8,212 | 13,268 | 45,406 | 66,886 |
| April .. | 7,008 | 2,519 | 11,467 | 491 | 1,475 | 5,633 | 7,499 | 9,894 | 34,736 | 52,129 |
| May .. | 6,828 | 3,669 | 14,755 | 256 | 1,174 | 6,813 | 7,084 | 12,468 | 40,610 | 60,162 |

Note.—Class II consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Wool. | Wheat and Flour. | Butter. | Sugar and Sugar Syrups. | Meats. | Hides and Skins. | Lead. | Dried Fruits. | Fresh Fruits. | Total Exports. (b) |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. .. | 5,209 | 2,029 | 734 | 309 | 861 | 609 | 402 | 172 | 165 | 12,374 |
| 1937-38.. .. | 3,915 | 2,245 | 898 | 336 | 1,021 | 516 | 409 | 224 | 171 | 11,806 |
| 1938-39.. .. | 3,561 | 1,106 | 1,074 | 348 | 982 | 342 | 356 | 239 | 169 | 10,212 |
| 1946-47.. .. | 10,511 | 2,406 | 1,048 | 235 | 1,761 | 1,228 | 904 | 202 | 129 | 25,752 |
| 1947-48.. .. | 12,396 | 7,053 | 1,719 | 264 | 1,882 | 1,030 | 1,148 | 213 | 324 | 33,844 |
| 1948-49.. .. | 19,283 | 8,202 | 1,984 | 1,108 | (a)2,388 | 1,017 | 1,856 | 288 | 260 | 45,206 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 26,096 | 7,376 | 2,056 | 1,185 | 2,854 | 1,263 | 1,416 | 241 | 328 | 51,141 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 52,779 | 8,921 | 1,539 | 1,240 | 2,533 | 2,272 | 1,796 | 389 | 477 | 81,816 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 26,953 | 7,359 | 383 | 586 | 2,957 | 1,428 | 2,156 | 472 | 572 | 55,668 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 33,576 | 7,449 | 1,675 | 1,805 | 5,481 | 1,677 | 2,116 | 669 | 791 | 70,906 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 21,273 | 7,540 | 498 | 294 | 3,616 | 1,010 | 1,182 | 1,350 | 2,098 | 51,825 |
| June | 22,248 | 6,070 | 397 | 142 | 2,887 | 1,222 | 2,787 | 902 | 2,150 | 53,021 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 23,910 | 5,899 | 438 | 30 | 5,082 | 1,350 | 3,743 | 907 | 1,026 | 57,493 |
| August | 9,698 | 6,973 | 589 | 877 | 5,516 | 1,618 | 2,467 | 1,120 | 544 | 41,819 |
| September | 15,319 | 5,526 | 1,014 | 2,200 | 6,025 | 1,342 | 1,764 | 1,017 | 184 | 50,218 |
| October | 41,647 | 5,886 | 3,188 | 2,794 | 7,953 | 1,666 | 3,687 | 104 | 208 | 84,925 |
| November | 46,447 | 6,650 | 2,618 | 3,518 | 6,915 | 1,767 | 3,689 | 147 | 86 | 86,559 |
| December | 48,435 | 4,893 | 3,365 | 1,561 | 5,613 | 1,753 | 494 | 19 | 159 | 81,716 |
| January | 34,389 | 6,390 | 1,024 | 2,020 | 5,137 | 1,636 | 931 | 19 | 12 | 66,638 |
| February | 31,824 | 5,050 | 1,257 | 2,650 | 4,652 | 1,876 | 1,708 | 17 | 172 | 64,817 |
| March | 48,681 | 10,097 | 2,267 | 3,011 | 4,855 | 1,525 | 1,660 | 153 | 1,068 | 90,191 |
| April | 38,580 | 10,348 | 1,502 | 1,782 | 4,308 | 1,996 | 2,151 | 1,520 | 2,347 | 79,240 |
| May | 31,493 | 9,534 | 1,499 | 962 | 4,431 | 1,966 | 1,470 | 1,915 | 3,012 | 72,953 |
| June | 32,484 | 12,141 | 1,336 | 250 | 5,289 | 1,633 | 1,629 | 1,092 | 679 | 74,305 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 32,462 | 12,893 | r 821 | 1,110 | 7,486 | 1,727 | 2,172 | 1,483 | 413 | 76,589 |
| August | 12,163 | 5,391 | 685 | r 3,514 | 6,924 | 1,551 | 1,882 | 1,210 | 167 | 48,515 |
| September | 23,591 | 4,971 | 512 | 4,191 | 5,074 | 1,936 | 3,279 | 527 | 67 | 59,498 |
| October | 50,916 | 4,650 | r 1,235 | 4,854 | 4,733 | 1,909 | 1,804 | 388 | 130 | 86,033 |
| November | 49,567 | 5,728 | 2,445 | 4,807 | 5,230 | 1,474 | 1,887 | 369 | 147 | 85,280 |
| December | 48,195 | 2,770 | 1,190 | 3,898 | 4,925 | 1,453 | 1,938 | 107 | 115 | 79,307 |
| January | 29,923 | 4,338 | 1,474 | 3,210 | 3,584 | 1,569 | 1,576 | 44 | 40 | 58,104 |
| February | 31,981 | 3,491 | 1,608 | 2,011 | 3,036 | 1,214 | 1,383 | 43 | 119 | 58,024 |
| March | 49,350 | 4,507 | 1,850 | 1,726 | 3,629 | 1,830 | 2,897 | 31 | 1,454 | 85,913 |
| April | 34,926 | 2,530 | 1,973 | 1,475 | 3,444 | 1,583 | 1,602 | 793 | 3,271 | 65,737 |
| May | 23,898 | 5,188 | 1,407 | 145 | 4,469 | 1,643 | 1,622 | 1,471 | 2,597 | 58,467 |

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).
gold ingot, bar, sheet, granulated dust, &c., and gold specie.

(b) Excludes gold contained in matte,

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | | Wool. | Wheat. (a) | Butter. | Metals. (b) | Meats. (c) | Sugar. | Dried Fruits. (d) | Tallow. | Hides. (e) | Gold. (f) | All Groups. | |
|---|-----|---------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Excl. Gold. | Incl. Gold. |
| Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate | (g) | 45.63 | 17.06 | 11.36 | 6.83 | 6.63 | 2.40 | 1.81 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 6.98 | | |
| | (h) | 49.05 | 18.34 | 12.21 | 7.34 | 7.13 | 2.58 | 1.94 | 0.69 | 0.72 | .. | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 1936-37 | .. | 122 | 123 | 92 | 120 | 98 | 104 | 103 | 122 | 113 | 99 | 116 | 115 |
| 1937-38 | .. | 99 | 111 | 107 | 96 | 106 | 92 | 103 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 102 | 102 |
| 1938-39 | .. | 79 | 66 | 101 | 84 | 96 | 104 | 94 | 78 | 87 | 103 | 82 | 83 |
| 1947-48 | .. | 287 | 420 | 193 | 372 | 146 | 320 | 157 | 436 | 364 | 122 | 296 | 283 |
| 1948-49 | .. | 365 | 413 | 233 | 478 | 171 | 343 | 162 | 499 | 421 | 122 | 348 | 332 |
| 1949-50 | .. | 473 | 400 | 250 | 421 | 196 | 369 | 176 | 400 | 479 | 164 | 399 | 383 |
| 1950-51 | .. | 999 | 432 | 271 | 689 | 209 | 410 | 226 | 356 | 752 | 176 | 690 | 654 |
| 1951-52 | .. | 564 | 436 | 291 | 811 | 263 | 464 | 302 | 451 | 486 | 184 | 495 | 473 |
| 1952-53 | .. | 616 | p441 | 313 | 504 | 314 | 501 | 297 | 358 | 369 | 186 | p504 | p482 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | .. | 543 | 432 | 291 | 711 | 273 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 346 | 184 | 477 | 457 |
| June | .. | 566 | 432 | 291 | 641 | 273 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 343 | 186 | 483 | 463 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | (i) 566 | 432 | 313 | 621 | 294 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 340 | 186 | 486 | 465 |
| August | .. | (i) 566 | 432 | 313 | 613 | 294 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 381 | 187 | 486 | 465 |
| September | .. | 551 | 432 | 313 | 603 | 294 | 501 | 300 | 483 | 379 | 188 | 477 | 457 |
| October | .. | 588 | 432 | 313 | 501 | 321 | 501 | 300 | (i) 483 | 383 | 188 | 490 | 469 |
| November | .. | 588 | 432 | 313 | 501 | 321 | 501 | 300 | 360 | 404 | 187 | 490 | 469 |
| December | .. | 618 | p448 | 313 | 510 | 321 | 501 | 300 | 322 | 395 | 184 | p508 | p485 |
| January | .. | 618 | p448 | 313 | 509 | 321 | 501 | 300 | 298 | 391 | 189 | p508 | p485 |
| February | .. | 626 | p448 | 313 | 475 | 321 | 501 | 300 | 295 | 375 | 186 | p509 | p486 |
| March | .. | 656 | p448 | 313 | 463 | 321 | 501 | 290 | 298 | 364 | 185 | p522 | p499 |
| April | .. | 671 | p448 | 313 | 418 | 321 | 501 | 290 | 284 | 344 | 185 | p526 | p502 |
| May | .. | 701 | p448 | 313 | 407 | 321 | 501 | 290 | 252 | 352 | 184 | p540 | p515 |
| June | .. | 641 | p448 | 313 | 429 | 321 | 500 | 290 | 249 | 326 | 181 | p512 | p489 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | (i) 641 | p448 | 325 | 446 | 331 | 500 | 290 | 244 | 319 | 183 | p515 | p492 |
| August | .. | (i) 634 | p446 | 325 | 450 | 331 | 500 | 290 | 251 | 321 | 182 | p511 | p488 |
| September | .. | 626 | p443 | 325 | 438 | 331 | 500 | 290 | 260 | 336 | 182 | p506 | p484 |
| October | .. | 634 | p428 | 325 | 450 | 340 | 500 | 290 | 269 | 374 | 181 | p509 | p486 |
| November | .. | 634 | p414 | 325 | 458 | 340 | 500 | 290 | 301 | 383 | 176 | p508 | p485 |
| December | .. | 611 | p413 | 325 | 442 | 340 | 500 | 290 | 341 | 377 | 177 | p495 | p473 |
| January | .. | 603 | p411 | 325 | 427 | 340 | 461 | 290 | 369 | 377 | 176 | p489 | p468 |
| February | .. | p581 | p402 | 325 | 423 | 340 | 461 | 290 | 368 | 353 | 177 | p476 | p455 |
| March | .. | p581 | p399 | 325 | 440 | 340 | 461 | p281 | 355 | 327 | 176 | p476 | p456 |
| April | .. | (i) 596 | p381 | 325 | 467 | 340 | 461 | p281 | 364 | 300 | 176 | p482 | p461 |
| May | .. | p618 | p372 | 325 | 474 | 340 | 461 | p281 | 369 | 281 | 176 | p492 | p470 |

(a) From October, 1951, to July, 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. The estimated average realization for the period December, 1952 to July, 1953 is subject to revision when necessary data are available. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953, are of an interim nature, derived from available information of current sales. (b) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (c) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (d) Sultanias, leixias, currants.

(e) Cattle hides, calf skins. (f) Where Australian gold has been sold on the overseas premium markets such price has been used in the index. (g) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For all Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 20 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | 1950-51. | | | 1951-52. | | | 1952-53. | | | 1953-54. | | |
|--------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| July .. | a592 | 333 | 451 | a717 | 400 | 544 | a566 | 381 | 465 | a641 | p367 | p492 |
| August .. | 864 | 340 | 579 | 551 | 400 | 468 | a566 | 380 | 465 | a634 | p367 | p488 |
| September .. | 890 | 355 | 599 | 498 | 400 | 445 | 551 | 379 | 457 | 626 | p365 | p484 |
| October .. | 890 | 360 | 602 | 686 | 403 | 532 | 588 | 370 | 469 | 634 | p363 | p486 |
| November .. | 965 | 366 | 639 | 603 | 398 | 492 | 588 | 368 | 469 | 634 | p360 | p485 |
| December .. | 973 | 366 | 643 | 581 | 403 | 484 | 618 | p374 | p485 | 611 | p358 | p473 |
| January .. | 1,252 | 368 | 771 | 566 | 402 | 477 | 618 | p374 | p485 | 603 | p354 | p468 |
| February .. | 1,339 | 369 | 811 | 520 | 402 | 456 | 626 | p369 | p486 | p581 | p350 | p455 |
| March .. | 1,437 | 377 | 860 | 460 | 400 | 427 | 656 | p367 | p499 | p581 | p351 | p456 |
| April .. | 1,094 | 384 | 708 | 475 | 397 | 432 | 671 | p361 | p502 | a596 | p348 | p461 |
| May .. | 973 | 385 | 653 | 543 | 385 | 457 | 701 | p359 | p515 | p618 | p346 | p470 |
| June .. | 717 | 383 | 535 | 566 | 376 | 463 | 641 | p361 | p489 | | | |
| Year .. | 999 | 365 | 654 | 564 | 397 | 473 | 616 | p370 | p482 | | | |

(a) Nominal.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

| Month | Month stated compared with same month of preceding year. | | | | | | Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year. | | | | | |
|--------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 1951-52. | | 1952-53. | | 1953-54. | | 1951-52. | | 1952-53. | | 1953-54. | |
| | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. |
| July .. | 116 | 119 | 93 | 84 | p97 | p107 | 116 | 119 | 93 | 84 | p97 | p107 |
| August .. | 113 | 87 | 96 | 98 | p98 | p104 | 114 | 104 | 94 | 89 | p98 | p106 |
| September .. | 110 | 80 | 95 | 102 | p96 | p105 | 113 | 96 | 95 | 93 | p97 | p106 |
| October .. | 107 | 85 | 93 | 88 | p99 | p105 | 111 | 92 | 94 | 91 | p98 | p106 |
| November .. | 106 | 70 | 93 | 96 | p99 | p105 | 110 | 85 | 94 | 92 | p98 | p106 |
| December .. | 106 | 67 | p98 | p105 | p96 | p98 | 110 | 82 | p95 | p95 | p98 | p104 |
| January .. | 106 | 54 | p95 | p105 | p95 | p97 | 109 | 75 | p95 | p96 | p97 | p103 |
| February .. | 107 | 50 | p93 | p112 | p95 | p93 | 109 | 71 | p95 | p98 | p97 | p102 |
| March .. | 105 | 41 | p91 | p126 | p95 | p90 | 109 | 66 | p94 | p101 | p97 | p100 |
| April .. | 100 | 53 | p92 | p123 | p95 | p90 | 108 | 64 | p94 | p104 | p97 | p99 |
| May .. | 98 | 65 | p97 | p117 | p94 | p90 | 107 | 65 | p94 | p105 | p96 | p98 |
| June .. | 95 | 84 | p96 | p107 | | | 106 | 66 | p94 | p105 | | |

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period | Basic Materials. | | | | | | | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. | | |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Metals and Coal. | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. | | Goods principally Imported. (a) | Goods principally Home Produced. | Total All Groups. |
| 1936-37 .. | 96 | 99 | 118 | 99 | 111 | 99 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 98 | 98 |
| 1937-38 .. | 101 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 104 | 102 | 100 | 102 | 100 | 101 |
| 1938-39 .. | 103 | 100 | 82 | 101 | 92 | 97 | 99 | 103 | 99 | 102 | 101 |
| 1947-48 .. | 146 | 161 | 283 | 148 | 126 | 190 | 166 | 153 | 192 | 145 | 159 |
| 1948-49 .. | 185 | 173 | 342 | 159 | 130 | 198 | 188 | 175 | 201 | 173 | 181 |
| 1949-50 .. | 214 | 184 | 434 | 187 | 143 | 225 | 214 | 198 | 223 | 198 | 205 |
| 1950-51 .. | 256 | 196 | 641 | 242 | 292 | 268 | 264 | 232 | 256 | 242 | 246 |
| 1951-52 .. | 343 | 220 | 577 | 314 | 298 | 370 | 321 | 281 | 288 | 305 | 300 |
| 1952-53 .. | 392 | 234 | 607 | 350 | 224 | 404 | 350 | 294 | 292 | 331 | 320 |
| 1953-54 .. | 388 | 222 | p566 | 323 | 191 | 363 | p332 | p313 | p271 | p343 | p322 |
| 1951-52— June .. | 379 | 230 | 570 | 331 | 296 | 433 | 349 | 298 | 302 | 330 | 321 |
| 1952-53— July .. | 392 | 230 | 570 | 349 | 279 | 435 | 355 | 304 | 302 | 338 | 327 |
| August .. | 394 | 230 | 577 | 350 | 241 | 418 | 351 | 303 | 295 | 338 | 325 |
| September .. | 399 | 230 | 566 | 349 | 237 | 418 | 352 | 295 | 294 | 333 | 321 |
| October .. | 390 | 235 | 589 | 349 | 233 | 418 | 352 | 283 | 295 | 322 | 314 |
| November .. | 390 | 237 | 589 | 349 | 223 | 420 | 352 | 280 | 296 | 321 | 313 |
| December .. | 390 | 237 | 609 | 349 | 227 | 420 | 353 | 292 | 297 | 329 | 320 |
| January .. | 389 | 236 | 608 | 350 | 223 | 420 | 353 | 290 | 297 | 328 | 318 |
| February .. | 391 | 235 | 611 | 355 | 212 | 391 | 348 | 290 | 289 | 328 | 316 |
| March .. | 393 | 235 | 640 | 355 | 212 | 391 | 350 | 289 | 290 | 328 | 317 |
| April .. | 392 | 235 | 643 | 348 | 203 | 391 | 349 | 299 | 288 | 336 | 322 |
| May .. | 391 | 233 | 661 | 349 | 203 | 364 | 344 | 301 | 279 | 338 | 321 |
| June .. | 392 | 233 | 621 | 348 | 199 | 364 | 342 | 305 | 283 | 338 | 322 |
| 1953-54— July .. | 391 | 225 | 583 | 329 | 198 | 365 | 336 | 315 | 275 | 346 | 325 |
| August .. | 389 | 226 | 581 | 329 | 198 | 365 | 335 | 336 | 275 | 360 | 335 |
| September .. | 389 | 226 | 576 | 329 | 199 | 364 | 335 | 331 | 276 | 357 | 333 |
| October .. | 389 | 226 | 576 | 327 | 198 | 364 | 334 | 325 | 273 | 353 | 329 |
| November .. | 388 | 223 | 574 | 327 | 197 | 365 | 333 | 311 | 270 | 342 | 321 |
| December .. | 388 | 223 | 561 | 327 | 192 | 365 | 332 | 304 | 269 | 337 | 317 |
| January .. | 384 | 223 | 564 | 327 | 190 | 365 | 331 | p305 | p271 | p336 | p317 |
| February .. | 384 | 221 | p546 | 317 | 187 | 365 | p328 | p306 | p269 | p336 | p316 |
| March .. | 389 | 222 | p545 | 317 | 183 | 365 | p330 | p305 | p269 | p336 | p316 |
| April .. | 390 | 217 | p553 | 316 | 186 | 359 | p328 | p306 | p266 | p337 | p316 |
| May .. | 390 | 217 | p563 | 316 | 184 | 359 | p329 | p307 | p266 | p338 | p317 |
| June .. | 384 | 218 | p569 | 316 | 182 | 358 | p327 | p308 | p267 | p338 | p317 |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Australia. Common- wealth Statist- tician. | Canada. Dominion Statistician. | France. Inst. Nat. de la Stat. | India. Economic Adviser to the Gov- ernment of India. | New Zealand. Govern- ment Statistician. | South Africa. Census and Statistics Office. | Sweden. Board of Trade. | United Kingdom. Board of Trade. | U.S.A. Bureau of Labour Statistics. (a) |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 1936-37 .. | 98 | 101 | 83 | 104 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 100 | 104 |
| 1937-38 .. | 101 | 104 | 105 | 100 | 102 | 103 | 103 | 104 | 101 |
| 1938-39 .. | 101 | 95 | 112 | 96 | 102 | 100 | 99 | 96 | 95 |
| 1949-50 .. | 205 | 195 | 2,196 | (b) 389 | 184 | 195 | 198 | 237 | 186 |
| 1950-51 .. | 246 | 224 | (c) 123 | 426 | 210 | 216 | 237 | 288 | 211 |
| 1951-52 .. | 300 | 229 | 145 | 414 | 243 | 252 | 285 | 321 | 213 |
| 1952-53 .. | 320 | 216 | 141 | 386 | 252 | 269 | 278 | 320 | 209 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| August .. | 335 | 217 | 137 | 410 | 248 | 272 | 268 | 319 | 209 |
| September .. | 333 | 216 | 137 | 404 | 248 | 272 | 267 | 318 | 210 |
| October .. | 329 | 215 | 136 | 394 | 253 | 273 | 267 | 318 | 208 |
| November .. | 321 | 213 | 137 | 391 | 252 | 271 | 269 | 320 | 208 |
| December .. | 317 | 214 | 138 | 389 | 252 | 270 | 268 | 318 | 208 |
| January .. | p317 | 215 | 138 | 399 | 249 | 271 | 268 | 318 | 210 |
| February .. | p316 | 214 | 138 | 395 | 244 | 269 | 268 | 319 | 209 |
| March .. | p316 | 213 | 136 | 394 | 244 | 269 | 268 | 321 | 209 |
| April .. | p316 | | | 403 | | 269 | 269 | 322 | 210 |
| May .. | p317 | | | 396 | | 269 | | p323 | 210 |

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).
prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series"
(c) New Series. Base :
1949 = 100.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

| Period. | Australia.(a) Common- wealth Statistician.(b) | Canada. Dominion Statistician. | New Zealand. Government Statistician. | South Africa. Census and Statistics Office. | United Kingdom.(a) Ministry of Labour. | United States of America. Bureau of Labour Statistics. |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| 1936-37 .. | 973 | 98 | 96 | 97 | Base : | 100 |
| 1937-38 .. | 998 | 102 | 101 | 101 | 17th June, | 101 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,029 | 100 | 103 | 102 | 1947=100. | 99 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,528 | 158 | 142 | 155 | (c) 109 | 170 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,669 | 160 | 146 | 159 | 113 | 166 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,906 | 172 | 159 | 168 | 118 | 178 |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,337 | 186 | 176 | 182 | (d) 131 | 186 |
| 1952-53 .. | 2,550 | 184 | 185 | 194 | 139 | 189 |
| 1953-54 .. | 2,622 | | 195 | 199 | | |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | |
| October .. | | 185 | | 200 | 140 | 191 |
| November .. | 2,624 | 185 | 194 | 198 | 140 | 190 |
| December .. | | 184 | | 196 | 140 | 190 |
| January .. | | 184 | | 197 | 140 | 191 |
| February .. | 2,624 | 184 | 195 | 197 | 140 | 190 |
| March .. | | 184 | | 198 | 141 | 190 |
| April .. | | 184 | | 199 | 142 | 190 |
| May .. | 2,621 | 184 | 199 | 199 | 141 | |
| June .. | | | | 200 | | |

(a) For bases of series for Australia and United Kingdom, see notes (b), (c) and (d).
of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 ; cannot be linked to former series. (d) From
the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June,
1947 = 100.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Retail Price Indexes : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. | | | | | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States. | |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| | Food and Groceries. | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Clothing. | Miscellaneous. | Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous ("C" Series). | Nominal Rates, Adult Males. | "Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a) |
| 1936-37 | 963 | 968 | 976 | 996 | 973 | 949 | 976 |
| 1937-38 | 989 | 1,001 | 1,006 | 1,003 | 998 | 1,007 | 1,009 |
| 1938-39 | 1,048 | 1,031 | 1,018 | 1,001 | 1,029 | 1,044 | 1,015 |
| 1947-48 | 1,333 | 1,056 | 2,013 | 1,279 | 1,392 | 1,565 | 1,123 |
| 1948-49 | 1,531 | 1,058 | 2,264 | 1,349 | 1,528 | 1,757 | 1,150 |
| 1949-50 | 1,664 | 1,063 | 2,626 | 1,443 | 1,669 | 1,913 | 1,147 |
| 1950-51 | 1,998 | 1,076 | 3,044 | 1,597 | 1,906 | 2,298 | 1,206 |
| 1951-52 | 2,694 | 1,104 | 3,623 | 1,898 | 2,337 | 2,806 | 1,201 |
| 1952-53 | 2,950 | 1,194 | 3,893 | 2,124 | 2,550 | 3,104 | 1,217 |
| 1953-54 | 3,073 | 1,255 | 3,938 | 2,148 | 2,622 | 3,207 | 1,223 |
| 1948-49— June Quarter .. | 1,588 | 1,059 | 2,400 | 1,381 | 1,582 | 1,818 | 1,149 |
| 1949-50— September Quarter | 1,597 | 1,060 | 2,498 | 1,402 | 1,610 | 1,857 | 1,153 |
| December .. | 1,635 | 1,062 | 2,606 | 1,436 | 1,653 | 1,891 | 1,144 |
| March .. | 1,685 | 1,063 | 2,636 | 1,461 | 1,682 | 1,927 | 1,146 |
| June .. | 1,740 | 1,065 | 2,764 | 1,473 | 1,730 | 1,976 | 1,142 |
| 1950-51— September Quarter | 1,809 | 1,066 | 2,831 | 1,492 | 1,773 | 2,026 | 1,143 |
| December .. | 1,932 | 1,068 | 2,946 | 1,555 | 1,853 | 2,291 | 1,236 |
| March .. | 2,048 | 1,084 | 3,040 | 1,630 | 1,932 | 2,367 | 1,225 |
| June .. | 2,203 | 1,087 | 3,357 | 1,710 | 2,067 | 2,507 | 1,213 |
| 1951-52— September Quarter | 2,444 | 1,091 | 3,463 | 1,787 | 2,191 | 2,629 | 1,200 |
| December .. | 2,644 | 1,094 | 3,582 | 1,870 | 2,303 | 2,771 | 1,203 |
| March .. | 2,751 | 1,105 | 3,658 | 1,905 | 2,366 | 2,878 | 1,216 |
| June .. | 2,927 | 1,124 | 3,789 | 2,031 | 2,488 | 2,946 | 1,184 |
| 1952-53— September Quarter | 2,966 | 1,156 | 3,808 | 2,103 | 2,524 | 3,054 | 1,210 |
| December .. | 2,908 | 1,181 | 3,884 | 2,121 | 2,530 | 3,102 | 1,226 |
| March .. | 2,943 | 1,212 | 3,912 | 2,134 | 2,558 | 3,110 | 1,216 |
| June .. | 2,981 | 1,227 | 3,967 | 2,138 | 2,586 | 3,150 | 1,218 |
| 1953-54— September Quarter | 3,073 | 1,235 | 3,946 | 2,141 | 2,618 | 3,195 | 1,220 |
| December .. | 3,092 | 1,243 | 3,933 | 2,147 | 2,624 | 3,206 | 1,222 |
| March .. | 3,070 | 1,255 | 3,946 | 2,157 | 2,624 | 3,213 | 1,224 |
| June .. | 3,055 | 1,286 | 3,927 | 2,148 | 2,621 | 3,212 | 1,225 |

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

(Hours and Wages relate to Adult Males.)

| Particulars. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <i>1953: June Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,662 | 2,570 | 2,385 | 2,524 | 2,583 | 2,651 | 2,586 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 3,231 | 3,103 | 3,009 | 3,065 | 3,214 | 3,259 | 3,150 |
| "Real" " " (a) .. | 1,214 | 1,207 | 1,262 | 1,214 | 1,244 | 1,229 | 1,218 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 241/- | 232/- | 217/- | 228/- | 231/- | 239/- | 234/- |
| State " " " (b) | 241/- | (c) | (d) 218/- | (b) 228/- | (c) 241/10 | (c) | .. |
| <i>1953: September Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,693 | 2,595 | 2,417 | 2,553 | 2,625 | 2,756 | 2,618 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 3,302 | 3,135 | 3,022 | 3,104 | 3,255 | 3,307 | 3,195 |
| "Real" " " (a) .. | 1,226 | 1,208 | 1,250 | 1,216 | 1,240 | 1,200 | 1,220 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 243/- | 235/- | 218/- | 231/- | 236/- | 242/- | 236/- |
| State " " " (b) | 243/- | (c) | (f) 219/- | (b) 231/- | (g) 246/6 | (c) | .. |
| <i>1953: December Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,690 | 2,605 | 2,454 | 2,562 | 2,610 | 2,803 | 2,624 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 3,307 | 3,150 | 3,053 | 3,108 | 3,260 | 3,311 | 3,206 |
| "Real" " " (a) .. | 1,229 | 1,209 | 1,244 | 1,213 | 1,249 | 1,181 | 1,222 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (h) | 243/- | 235/- | 218/- | 231/- | 236/- | 242/- | 236/- |
| State " " " (h) | 243/- | (i) 237/- | (j) 222/- | (h) 231/- | (g) 246/6 | (k) 242/- | .. |
| <i>1954: March Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,697 | 2,595 | 2,466 | 2,549 | 2,648 | 2,748 | 2,624 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 3,307 | 3,157 | 3,081 | 3,108 | 3,260 | 3,311 | 3,213 |
| "Real" " " (a) .. | 1,226 | 1,217 | 1,249 | 1,219 | 1,231 | 1,205 | 1,224 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (h) | 243/- | 235/- | 218/- | 231/- | 236/- | 242/- | 236/- |
| State " " " (h) | 243/- | (b) 238/- | (l) 225/- | (h) 231/- | (g) 246/6 | (h) 242/- | .. |
| <i>1954: June Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) | 2,676 | 2,588 | 2,439 | 2,554 | 2,791 | 2,709 | 2,621 |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) .. | 3,309 | 3,151 | 3,087 | 3,108 | 3,260 | 3,311 | 3,212 |
| "Real" " " (a) .. | 1,237 | 1,218 | 1,266 | 1,217 | 1,168 | 1,222 | 1,225 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (h) | 243/- | 235/- | 218/- | 231/- | 236/- | 242/- | 236/- |
| State " " " (h) | 243/- | (b) 237/- | (l) 225/- | (h) 231/- | (g) 246/6 | (h) 242/- | .. |

(a) Base: Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. Retail prices index numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared but Wages Boards generally adopt Federal rates. (d) Payable as from 4th May. (e) Payable as from 27th April. (f) Payable as from 3rd August. (g) Payable as from 27th July. (h) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay period commencing August, 1953. (i) Payable from date in November or December, 1953, prescribed in determinations. (j) Payable as from 2nd November. (k) See note (c) above. An adjustment increase of 10s. was also generally payable under the Wages Boards determinations from early November, but ceased to operate from 9th December when automatic adjustments were discontinued. (l) Payable as from 1st February. No changes in rates resulted from the 1954 Basic Wage Inquiry.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1952-53 and 1953-54 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year. | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Wool (Shorn and Dead). | Products Other than Wool. |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1936-37 | 114 | 115 | 93 | 109 | 126 | 104 |
| 1937-38 | 98 | 98 | 102 | 99 | 95 | 100 |
| 1938-39 | 88 | 87 | 105 | 92 | 79 | 96 |
| 1945-46 | 174 | 133 | 159 | 157 | 118 | 169 |
| 1946-47 | 194 | 182 | 157 | 185 | 187 | 185 |
| 1947-48 | 267 | 263 | 183 | 247 | 301 | 230 |
| 1948-49 | 234 | 313 | 197 | 260 | 366 | 225 |
| 1949-50 | 272 | 396 | 228 | 316 | 483 | 261 |
| 1950-51 | 291 | 818 | 258 | 505 | 1,098 | 308 |
| 1951-52 | 355 | 501 | 332 | 410 | 552 | 363 |
| 1952-53 p | 365 | 531 | 367 | 434 | 623 | 372 |
| 1953-54 p | 335 | 551 | 372 | 434 | 639 | 366 |

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a) | | | | | | | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) | | |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 8 Public Utility Companies. | 5 Pastoral and Finance Companies | 5 Insurance Companies. | 75 Companies (including 24 Miscellaneous). (c) | 34 Active shares included in foregoing (c) | 12 Industrials. | 12 Financial and Trading. | 24 Total of foregoing. |
| 1936-37 .. | 989 | 1,059 | 1,010 | 1,106 | 1,052 | 1,022 | 1,026 | 1,006 | 1,000 | 1,003 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,012 | 1,008 | 1,026 | 1,053 | 983 | 1,009 | 1,011 | 1,014 | 1,011 | 1,013 |
| 1938-39 .. | 999 | 933 | 964 | 841 | 965 | 969 | 963 | 980 | 989 | 984 |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,666 | 1,663 | 1,044 | 1,229 | 1,505 | 1,450 | 1,450 | 1,625 | 1,386 | 1,515 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,682 | 1,601 | 948 | 1,240 | 1,635 | 1,426 | 1,413 | 1,681 | 1,364 | 1,536 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,763 | 1,603 | 887 | 1,357 | 1,920 | 1,491 | 1,458 | 1,746 | 1,370 | 1,573 |
| 1950-51 .. | 2,242 | 1,932 | 928 | 1,926 | 2,492 | 1,845 | 1,763 | 2,108 | 1,623 | 1,886 |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,040 | 1,658 | 872 | 1,606 | 2,625 | 1,662 | 1,537 | 1,838 | 1,402 | 1,638 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,733 | 1,376 | 861 | 1,337 | 2,059 | 1,398 | 1,335 | 1,494 | 1,186 | 1,353 |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,784 | 1,534 | 881 | 1,385 | 2,217 | 1,475 | 1,443 | | | |
| 1951-52— June .. | 1,719 | 1,368 | 871 | 1,300 | 2,165 | 1,418 | 1,327 | 1,409 | 1,142 | 1,286 |
| 1952-53— July .. | 1,760 | 1,379 | 870 | 1,370 | 2,127 | 1,434 | 1,366 | 1,419 | 1,163 | 1,301 |
| August .. | 1,756 | 1,386 | 873 | 1,383 | 2,118 | 1,428 | 1,351 | 1,403 | 1,166 | 1,294 |
| September .. | 1,709 | 1,365 | 883 | 1,361 | 2,108 | 1,398 | 1,321 | 1,391 | 1,126 | 1,269 |
| October .. | 1,705 | 1,317 | 858 | 1,336 | 2,088 | 1,375 | 1,315 | 1,431 | 1,132 | 1,293 |
| November .. | 1,693 | 1,309 | 857 | 1,297 | 2,114 | 1,367 | 1,309 | 1,461 | 1,133 | 1,310 |
| December .. | 1,698 | 1,298 | 850 | 1,302 | 2,075 | 1,362 | 1,313 | 1,465 | 1,143 | 1,317 |
| January .. | 1,755 | 1,376 | 854 | 1,342 | 2,058 | 1,401 | 1,364 | 1,529 | 1,193 | 1,375 |
| February .. | 1,751 | 1,418 | 866 | 1,351 | 2,029 | 1,408 | 1,358 | 1,585 | 1,251 | 1,432 |
| March .. | 1,755 | 1,441 | 864 | 1,343 | 2,006 | 1,412 | 1,347 | 1,570 | 1,254 | 1,424 |
| April .. | 1,733 | 1,411 | 844 | 1,323 | 1,985 | 1,394 | 1,317 | 1,539 | 1,222 | 1,394 |
| May .. | 1,734 | 1,396 | 850 | 1,311 | 1,975 | 1,391 | 1,322 | 1,555 | 1,224 | 1,403 |
| June .. | 1,745 | 1,411 | 866 | 1,326 | 2,030 | 1,405 | 1,342 | 1,580 | 1,228 | 1,418 |
| 1953-54— July .. | 1,773 | 1,413 | 871 | 1,360 | 2,086 | 1,425 | 1,377 | 1,610 | 1,242 | 1,442 |
| August .. | 1,784 | 1,456 | 871 | 1,387 | 2,171 | 1,451 | 1,411 | 1,635 | 1,245 | 1,456 |
| September .. | 1,780 | 1,483 | 876 | 1,381 | 2,185 | 1,460 | 1,429 | 1,647 | 1,265 | 1,472 |
| October .. | 1,745 | 1,508 | 859 | 1,345 | 2,203 | 1,445 | 1,409 | 1,660 | 1,276 | 1,483 |
| November .. | 1,733 | 1,509 | 856 | 1,345 | 2,193 | 1,441 | 1,403 | 1,671 | 1,280 | 1,492 |
| December .. | 1,760 | 1,523 | 842 | 1,361 | 2,227 | 1,458 | 1,424 | 1,676 | 1,294 | 1,501 |
| January .. | 1,810 | 1,566 | 866 | 1,357 | 2,314 | 1,500 | 1,480 | 1,665 | 1,313 | 1,503 |
| February .. | 1,812 | 1,574 | 887 | 1,358 | 2,375 | 1,509 | 1,481 | 1,675 | 1,330 | 1,517 |
| March .. | 1,805 | 1,554 | 927 | 1,386 | 2,372 | 1,508 | 1,475 | 1,667 | 1,326 | 1,511 |
| April .. | 1,778 | 1,566 | 921 | 1,392 | 2,143 | 1,483 | 1,457 | 1,664 | 1,341 | 1,516 |
| May .. | 1,793 | 1,611 | 895 | 1,445 | 2,187 | 1,499 | 1,479 | 1,659 | 1,351 | 1,517 |
| June .. | 1,830 | 1,650 | 897 | 1,498 | 2,143 | 1,516 | 1,493 | | | |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values.

(b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

(c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | Farm Production Prices (All farming). (a) (Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.) | Export Prices (including Gold). | Wholesale Prices (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs). | | | Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (c) | Share Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies). |
|-----------------|--|--|---|---|----------------|---|---|
| | | | Goods Principally Imported. (b) | Goods Principally Home Pro- duced. | All Groups. | | |
| 1936-37 | 109 | 1,144 | 991 | 980 | 984 | 973 | 1,022 |
| 1937-38 | 99 | 1,022 | 1,018 | 1,000 | 1,005 | 998 | 1,009 |
| 1938-39 | 92 | 834 | 991 | 1,020 | 1,011 | 1,029 | 969 |
| 1947-48 | 247 | 2,834 | 1,924 | 1,448 | 1,588 | 1,392 | 1,450 |
| 1948-49 | 260 | 3,324 | 2,008 | 1,727 | 1,809 | 1,528 | 1,426 |
| 1949-50 | 316 | 3,830 | 2,231 | 1,982 | 2,054 | 1,669 | 1,491 |
| 1950-51 | 505 | 6,544 | 2,555 | 2,423 | 2,461 | 1,906 | 1,845 |
| 1951-52 | 410 | 4,731 | 2,879 | 3,046 | 2,996 | 2,337 | 1,662 |
| 1952-53 | p434 | p4,823 | 2,920 | 3,313 | 3,196 | 2,550 | 1,398 |
| 1953-54 | p434 | | p2,704 | p3,430 | p3,215 | 2,622 | 1,475 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| April | .. | 4,324 | 2,966 | 3,180 | 3,117 | } 2,488 { | 1,423 |
| May | .. | 4,568 | 3,016 | 3,252 | 3,182 | | 1,436 |
| June | .. | 4,626 | 3,016 | 3,297 | 3,213 | | 1,418 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | 4,650 | 3,024 | 3,376 | 3,271 | } 2,524 { | 1,434 |
| August | .. | 4,649 | 2,945 | 3,381 | 3,252 | | 1,428 |
| September | .. | 4,574 | 2,944 | 3,325 | 3,212 | | 1,398 |
| October | .. | 4,694 | 2,954 | 3,223 | 3,142 | } 2,530 { | 1,375 |
| November | .. | 4,687 | 2,955 | 3,206 | 3,132 | | 1,367 |
| December | .. | p4,853 | 2,974 | 3,294 | 3,198 | | 1,362 |
| January | .. | p4,854 | 2,967 | 3,276 | 3,184 | } 2,558 { | 1,401 |
| February | .. | p4,862 | 2,890 | 3,276 | 3,161 | | 1,408 |
| March | .. | p4,989 | 2,897 | 3,282 | 3,167 | | 1,412 |
| April | .. | p5,025 | 2,880 | 3,357 | 3,216 | } 2,586 { | 1,394 |
| May | .. | p5,153 | 2,787 | 3,383 | 3,206 | | 1,391 |
| June | .. | p4,889 | 2,827 | 3,380 | 3,216 | | 1,405 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | p4,920 | 2,748 | 3,456 | 3,245 | } 2,618 { | 1,425 |
| August | .. | p4,884 | 2,754 | 3,604 | 3,351 | | 1,451 |
| September | .. | p4,839 | 2,755 | 3,568 | 3,327 | | 1,460 |
| October | .. | p4,865 | 2,730 | 3,528 | 3,292 | } 2,624 { | 1,445 |
| November | .. | p4,845 | 2,698 | 3,425 | 3,209 | | 1,441 |
| December | .. | p4,731 | 2,687 | 3,369 | 3,167 | | 1,458 |
| January | .. | p4,676 | p2,712 | p3,361 | p3,168 | } 2,624 { | 1,500 |
| February | .. | p4,552 | p2,689 | p3,360 | p3,161 | | 1,509 |
| March | .. | p4,556 | p2,692 | p3,360 | p3,161 | | 1,508 |
| April | .. | p4,610 | p2,664 | p3,373 | p3,163 | } 2,621 { | 1,483 |
| May | .. | p4,702 | p2,656 | p3,382 | p3,167 | | 1,499 |
| June | .. | | p2,666 | p3,377 | p3,167 | | 1,516 |

(a) See note at head of page 26. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 31.)

| Period. | New Dwellings. | | Other New Buildings. | | Total New Buildings. | | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| | Number. | Value. | Number. | Value. | Number. | Value. | Value. | Value. |
| | | £'000. | | £'000. | | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 (a) .. | 1,122 | 1,104 | 154 | 474 | 1,276 | 1,578 | 408 | 1,986 |
| 1937-38 (a) .. | 1,394 | 1,413 | 147 | 472 | 1,541 | 1,885 | 422 | 2,307 |
| 1938-39 (a) .. | 1,463 | 1,509 | 137 | 424 | 1,600 | 1,933 | 420 | 2,353 |
| 1946-47 .. | 2,209 | 2,976 | 156 | 512 | 2,365 | 3,488 | 596 | 4,084 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,381 | 3,649 | 124 | 453 | 2,505 | 4,102 | 585 | 4,687 |
| 1948-49 .. | 2,621 | 4,457 | 110 | 440 | 2,731 | 4,897 | 680 | 5,577 |
| 1949-50 .. | 3,045 | 5,770 | 113 | 460 | 3,158 | 6,230 | 899 | 7,129 |
| 1950-51 .. | 3,558 | 7,857 | 151 | 1,062 | 3,709 | 8,919 | 1,507 | 10,426 |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,736 | 6,703 | 165 | 1,270 | 2,901 | 7,973 | 1,727 | 9,700 |
| 1952-53 .. | 2,506 | 6,472 | 303 | 1,744 | 2,809 | 8,216 | 1,829 | 10,045 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 2,191 | 5,733 | 163 | 946 | 2,354 | 6,679 | 1,914 | 8,593 |
| May .. | 2,326 | 5,729 | 182 | 1,513 | 2,508 | 7,242 | 2,064 | 9,306 |
| June .. | 3,098 | 7,402 | 197 | 1,534 | 3,295 | 8,936 | 1,574 | 10,510 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,364 | 5,835 | 242 | 1,146 | 2,606 | 6,981 | 1,563 | 8,544 |
| August .. | 2,128 | 5,209 | 371 | 1,646 | 2,499 | 6,855 | 1,878 | 8,733 |
| September .. | 3,250 | 7,576 | 344 | 2,038 | 3,594 | 9,614 | 2,242 | 11,856 |
| October .. | 2,407 | 6,015 | 442 | 2,064 | 2,849 | 8,079 | 1,832 | 9,911 |
| November .. | 2,307 | 5,931 | 226 | 1,741 | 2,533 | 7,672 | 1,645 | 9,317 |
| December .. | 2,118 | 5,403 | 226 | 1,201 | 2,344 | 6,604 | 1,655 | 8,259 |
| January .. | 2,030 | 5,092 | 183 | 1,222 | 2,213 | 6,314 | 1,293 | 7,607 |
| February .. | 2,579 | 6,843 | 294 | 1,593 | 2,873 | 8,436 | 1,867 | 10,303 |
| March .. | 2,752 | 7,397 | 296 | 1,280 | 3,048 | 8,677 | 2,381 | 11,058 |
| April .. | 2,331 | 6,435 | 327 | 2,023 | 2,658 | 8,458 | 1,835 | 10,293 |
| May .. | 2,837 | 7,671 | 322 | 2,184 | 3,159 | 9,855 | 1,830 | 11,685 |
| June .. | 2,981 | 8,254 | 356 | 2,793 | 3,337 | 11,047 | 1,931 | 12,978 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,777 | 7,904 | 358 | 3,191 | 3,135 | 11,095 | 2,114 | 13,209 |
| August .. | 2,724 | 7,910 | 351 | 2,241 | 3,075 | 10,151 | 2,190 | 12,341 |
| September .. | 2,810 | 8,355 | 377 | 2,143 | 3,187 | 10,498 | 2,072 | 12,570 |
| October .. | 2,769 | 7,796 | 325 | 2,097 | 3,094 | 9,893 | 1,845 | 11,738 |
| November .. | 2,746 | 7,697 | 363 | 2,491 | 3,109 | 10,188 | 1,696 | 11,884 |
| December .. | 2,149 | 6,653 | 269 | 2,164 | 2,418 | 8,817 | 1,418 | 10,235 |
| January .. | 2,116 | 6,209 | 224 | 1,209 | 2,340 | 7,418 | 1,523 | 8,941 |
| February .. | 2,301 | 6,729 | 272 | 2,062 | 2,573 | 8,791 | 2,816 | 11,607 |
| March .. | 2,996 | 8,568 | 366 | 3,016 | 3,362 | 11,584 | 2,169 | 13,753 |
| April .. | 2,843 | 8,002 | 338 | 3,372 | 3,181 | 11,374 | 2,248 | 13,622 |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming most stringent in 1942, when consent was required for all building other than alterations and additions costing less than £25. These controls were progressively relaxed after 1945 and have now ceased to exist in all States. For more detailed notes see earlier issues of this publication.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Australia. (a) | | | New South Wales. | | | Victoria. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Government. | Private. | | Government. (b) | Private. | | Government. | Private. | |
| | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See Note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See Note B. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | (c)1,986 | (d)627 | n.a. | 848 | 416 | n.a. | 667 | 62 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | (c)2,307 | (d)764 | n.a. | 1,093 | 506 | n.a. | 669 | 78 |
| 1938-39 .. | 408 | (c)2,353 | (d)755 | 187 | 1,111 | 495 | 107 | 702 | 63 |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,248 | 4,084 | (e)1,991 | 633 | 1,768 | 1,301 | 371 | 1,195 | 91 |
| 1947-48 .. | 2,009 | 4,687 | (f)3,151 | 1,044 | 1,705 | (g)1,985 | 545 | 1,650 | 126 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,992 | 5,577 | 3,832 | 904 | 2,089 | 2,432 | 675 | 1,804 | 211 |
| 1949-50 .. | 2,751 | 7,129 | 4,863 | 985 | 2,625 | 3,101 | 1,067 | 2,218 | 217 |
| 1950-51 .. | 4,348 | 10,426 | (h)8,568 | 1,964 | 3,610 | 4,519 | 1,428 | 3,187 | (i) 2,031 |
| 1951-52 .. | 3,631 | 9,700 | 7,877 | 1,603 | 2,679 | 3,717 | 960 | 2,831 | 1,947 |
| 1952-53 .. | 2,772 | 10,045 | 7,671 | 923 | 2,799 | 3,542 | 1,129 | 2,906 | 1,931 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| December Qtr. | 3,400 | 9,452 | 7,757 | 1,357 | 2,820 | 3,612 | 946 | 2,856 | 1,840 |
| March .. | 3,096 | 8,249 | 6,706 | 1,193 | 2,120 | 2,859 | 960 | 2,380 | 1,817 |
| June .. | 3,589 | 9,469 | 7,371 | 1,466 | 2,320 | 3,490 | 1,011 | 2,517 | 1,794 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 2,218 | 9,711 | 6,888 | 772 | 2,270 | 3,197 | 780 | 2,946 | 1,653 |
| December .. | 3,549 | 9,162 | 7,497 | 494 | 2,646 | 3,232 | 2,242 | 2,757 | 2,255 |
| March .. | 2,639 | 9,656 | 7,499 | 1,334 | 2,703 | 3,507 | 660 | 2,769 | 1,626 |
| June .. | 2,684 | 11,652 | 8,802 | 1,094 | 3,576 | 4,232 | 834 | 3,155 | 2,190 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 4,105 | 12,706 | 9,766 | 1,923 | 3,807 | 4,578 | 1,496 | 3,708 | 2,469 |
| December .. | 4,626 | 11,285 | 9,311 | 2,356 | 3,166 | 4,505 | 1,432 | 3,813 | 2,178 |
| March .. | 3,839 | 11,434 | 8,804 | 1,189 | 3,498 | r 4,248 | 1,407 | 3,277 | 1,973 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| November .. | r 4,104 | 11,884 | n.a. | 2,097 | 3,663 | 4,416 | 1,187 | 3,701 | 1,971 |
| December .. | r 4,036 | 10,235 | n.a. | 1,886 | 2,591 | 4,414 | 1,280 | 4,014 | 2,116 |
| January .. | r 3,427 | 8,941 | n.a. | 1,425 | 2,516 | 3,690 | 1,151 | 2,769 | 1,675 |
| February .. | r 3,522 | 11,607 | n.a. | 957 | 3,853 | 4,047 | 1,821 | 2,907 | 1,924 |
| March .. | 4,569 | 13,753 | n.a. | 1,186 | 4,125 | 5,008 | 1,250 | 4,153 | 2,320 |
| April .. | 5,170 | 13,622 | n.a. | 2,649 | 4,164 | 4,576 | 1,674 | 4,450 | 2,683 |

(a) See note (a) on page 31. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 31. (f) See A, below and C, page 31. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below. (h) See B below. (i) Includes all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs from September quarter, 1950.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r., — see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities.)
(£'000.)

| Period. | Queensland. | | | South Australia. | | | Western Australia. | | | Tasmania. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------|---|
| | Government. | | Private.(a) Other recorded areas. See Note C. | Government.(b) | | Private.(a) Other recorded areas. See Note D. | Government. | | Private.(a) Other recorded areas. See Note E. | Government. | | Private.(a) Other recorded areas. See Note F. |
| | Common-wealth and State. | Brisbane and Suburbs. | | Common-wealth and State. | Adelaide and Suburbs. | | Common-wealth and State. | Perth and Suburbs. | | Common-wealth and State. | Hobart and Suburbs. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | 153 | 98 | n.a. | 118 | 32 | n.a. | 168 | n.a. | n.a. | 32 | 19 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | 167 | 114 | n.a. | 173 | 48 | n.a. | 174 | n.a. | n.a. | 31 | 18 |
| 1938-39 .. | 34 | 171 | 118 | 22 | 192 | 63 | 38 | 145 | n.a. | 20 | 32 | 16 |
| 1946-47 .. | 78 | 455 | 290 | 57 | 379 | 105 | 77 | 187 | (c)60 | 32 | (d) 100 | (e)144 |
| 1947-48 .. | 141 | 557 | (f)692 | 132 | 418 | 91 | 115 | 238 | 60 | 32 | 119 | 197 |
| 1948-49 .. | 116 | 610 | 721 | 105 | 564 | 132 | 145 | 338 | 70 | 47 | 172 | 266 |
| 1949-50 .. | 198 | 827 | 868 | 217 | 727 | 188 | 197 | 499 | 111 | 87 | 233 | 378 |
| 1950-51 .. | 357 | 1,106 | 1,061 | 216 | 1,174 | 215 | 270 | 1,027 | 274 | 113 | 322 | 468 |
| 1951-52 .. | 228 | 1,426 | 1,107 | 377 | 1,386 | 265 | 379 | 1,120 | 347 | 84 | 258 | 494 |
| 1952-53 .. | 232 | 1,376 | 1,209 | 226 | 1,525 | 336 | 219 | 1,157 | 320 | 43 | 282 | 333 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. Qtr. | 329 | 1,319 | 1,109 | 272 | 1,093 | 291 | 451 | 1,088 | 336 | 45 | 276 | 569 |
| March .. | 133 | 1,292 | 1,093 | 326 | 1,313 | 239 | 321 | 904 | 299 | 163 | 240 | 399 |
| June .. | 271 | 1,391 | 1,007 | 426 | 2,044 | 304 | 395 | 1,007 | 349 | 20 | 190 | 427 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 230 | 1,862 | 1,106 | 179 | 1,370 | 313 | 241 | 966 | 285 | 16 | 297 | 334 |
| Dec. .. | 302 | 1,089 | 1,100 | 236 | 1,215 | 327 | 260 | 1,207 | 306 | 15 | 248 | 277 |
| March .. | 140 | 1,442 | 1,292 | 274 | 1,394 | 387 | 198 | 1,091 | 330 | 33 | 257 | 357 |
| June .. | 257 | 1,112 | 1,337 | 216 | 2,119 | 316 | 175 | 1,364 | 359 | 108 | 326 | 368 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 151 | 1,450 | 1,431 | 263 | 1,654 | 390 | 234 | 1,573 | 487 | 38 | 514 | 411 |
| Dec. .. | 165 | 1,262 | 1,392 | 298 | 1,244 | 321 | 273 | 1,539 | 489 | 102 | 261 | 426 |
| March .. | 345 | 1,285 | 1,404 | 343 | 1,321 | 365 | 444 | 1,647 | 473 | 111 | 406 | 341 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December .. | 117 | 1,139 | 1,227 | 279 | 881 | n.a. | 302 | 1,392 | 453 | 172 | 218 | 327 |
| January .. | 221 | 856 | 1,288 | 312 | 1,061 | n.a. | 217 | 1,459 | 429 | 101 | 280 | 260 |
| February .. | 133 | 1,372 | 1,474 | 329 | 1,383 | n.a. | 193 | 1,587 | 397 | 89 | 505 | 333 |
| March .. | 681 | 1,629 | 1,450 | 388 | 1,520 | n.a. | 922 | 1,894 | 593 | 142 | 432 | 430 |
| April .. | 101 | 1,059 | 1,216 | 218 | 1,327 | n.a. | 256 | 2,319 | 882 | 272 | 303 | 574 |
| May .. | | | | 332 | 1,564 | n.a. | 393 | 2,146 | 807 | 135 | 398 | 466 |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

| Period. | Commenced. | | | Completed. | | | Under Construction at end of period. | | |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | Houses. | Other. | Total. | Houses. | Other. | Total. | Houses.(a) | Other. | Total.(a) |
| Quarterly Averages. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | a13,740 | 4,148 | a17,888 | a8,924 | 1,578 | a10,502 | 44,745 | 21,255 | 66,000 |
| 1947-48 | a17,900 | 5,138 | a23,038 | a13,307 | 2,389 | a15,696 | 66,509 | 33,588 | 100,097 |
| 1948-49 | a22,277 | 6,940 | a29,217 | a18,331 | 3,932 | a22,263 | 86,832 | 49,135 | 135,967 |
| 1949-50 | a27,516 | 8,014 | a35,530 | a22,446 | 5,251 | a27,697 | 115,714 | 61,119 | 176,833 |
| 1950-51 | a40,478 | 14,615 | a55,093 | a31,222 | 6,258 | a37,480 | 162,481 | 91,632 | 254,113 |
| 1951-52 | 44,951 | 16,224 | 61,175 | 43,110 | 10,876 | 53,986 | 187,631 | 125,534 | 313,165 |
| 1952-53 | 39,358 | 13,909 | 53,267 | 47,514 | 18,169 | 65,683 | 167,584 | 115,629 | 283,213 |
| Quarterly Totals. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. Qtr. .. | 46,637 | 15,473 | 62,110 | 45,268 | 9,560 | 54,828 | 185,554 | 113,271 | 298,825 |
| March | 43,190 | 15,122 | 58,312 | 41,599 | 10,753 | 52,352 | 189,921 | 118,564 | 308,485 |
| June | 40,879 | 18,054 | 58,933 | 47,425 | 13,973 | 61,398 | 187,631 | 125,534 | 313,165 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 37,145 | 13,091 | 50,236 | 48,604 | 16,882 | 65,486 | 180,359 | 124,545 | 304,904 |
| Dec. | 36,393 | 10,105 | 46,498 | 49,861 | 17,955 | 67,816 | 170,245 | 118,508 | 288,753 |
| March | 40,185 | 14,086 | 54,271 | 45,965 | 19,065 | 65,030 | 166,184 | 114,549 | 280,733 |
| June | 43,709 | 18,352 | 62,061 | 45,625 | 18,772 | 64,397 | 167,584 | 115,629 | 283,213 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 48,458 | 21,564 | 70,022 | 46,816 | 21,712 | 68,528 | 173,099 | 115,881 | 288,980 |
| Dec. | 46,817 | 18,942 | 65,759 | 53,584 | 20,043 | 73,627 | 168,113 | 115,353 | 283,466 |
| March | 48,338 | 25,053 | 73,391 | 43,544 | 20,830 | 64,374 | 173,784 | 121,134 | 294,918 |

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | (a)4,274 | 2,767 | 1,814 | 686 | 529 | 354 | 78 | (a)10,502 |
| 1947-48 | (a)6,076 | 4,473 | 2,598 | 1,020 | 832 | 570 | 127 | (a)15,696 |
| 1948-49 | (a)8,434 | 6,839 | 3,050 | 1,621 | 1,177 | 953 | 189 | (a)22,263 |
| 1949-50 | (a)10,230 | 8,671 | 3,488 | 2,268 | 1,338 | 1,336 | 366 | (a)27,697 |
| 1950-51 | (a)12,367 | 13,014 | 4,322 | 3,010 | 2,237 | 2,101 | 429 | (a)37,480 |
| 1951-52 | 19,052 | 17,154 | 6,335 | 4,531 | 3,606 | 2,628 | 680 | 53,986 |
| 1952-53 | 24,512 | 19,027 | 6,558 | 6,471 | 5,730 | 2,666 | 718 | 65,682 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. Qtr. .. | 18,125 | 18,257 | 6,200 | 4,613 | 3,735 | 3,338 | 560 | 54,828 |
| March | 20,437 | 15,014 | 6,485 | 4,197 | 3,466 | 1,961 | 792 | 52,352 |
| June | 22,795 | 18,796 | 7,036 | 5,269 | 4,285 | 2,432 | 785 | 61,398 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 22,585 | 21,047 | 6,252 | 6,232 | 5,735 | 2,867 | 768 | 65,486 |
| Dec. | 25,008 | 18,943 | 6,892 | 6,860 | 6,448 | 2,700 | 965 | 67,816 |
| March | 26,233 | 18,453 | 5,999 | 6,481 | 4,876 | 2,495 | 493 | 65,030 |
| June | 24,223 | 17,664 | 7,090 | 6,309 | 5,859 | 2,603 | 649 | 64,397 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. | 24,296 | 22,463 | 6,627 | 5,941 | 6,308 | 2,283 | 610 | 68,528 |
| Dec. | 26,550 | 22,926 | 6,732 | 6,584 | 7,274 | 2,223 | 1,338 | 73,627 |
| March | 23,292 | 19,636 | 5,666 | 6,569 | 5,621 | 2,741 | 849 | 64,374 |

(a) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| COMMENCED. | | | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48.. .. | (a)4,952 | 3,870 | 2,382 | 895 | 768 | 516 | 98 | (a)13,481 |
| 1948-49.. .. | (a)5,323 | 4,122 | 2,340 | 1,140 | 961 | 712 | 134 | (a)14,732 |
| 1949-50.. .. | (a)5,514 | 4,911 | 2,502 | 1,527 | 1,258 | 916 | 97 | (a)16,725 |
| 1950-51.. .. | (a)6,292 | 6,737 | 2,675 | 1,991 | 1,742 | 1,030 | 219 | (a)20,686 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 6,091 | 5,877 | 2,999 | 2,128 | 1,932 | 896 | 78 | 20,001 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 5,258 | 4,064 | 2,345 | 1,992 | 1,753 | 571 | 132 | 16,115 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52—Dec. Qtr. | 6,323 | 6,410 | 2,976 | 1,998 | 2,039 | 1,016 | 64 | 20,826 |
| Mar. " | 5,892 | 5,294 | 2,919 | 2,205 | 1,828 | 787 | 93 | 19,018 |
| June " | 5,782 | 4,699 | 2,677 | 2,211 | 1,725 | 684 | 74 | 17,852 |
| 1952-53—Sept. " | 4,496 | 3,623 | 2,929 | 2,321 | 1,674 | 574 | 83 | 15,700 |
| Dec. " | 5,210 | 3,729 | 2,070 | 1,865 | 1,736 | 492 | 178 | 15,280 |
| Mar. " | 5,203 | 4,423 | 2,117 | 1,729 | 1,842 | 695 | 185 | 16,194 |
| June " | 6,121 | 4,479 | 2,265 | 2,052 | 1,760 | 524 | 82 | 17,283 |
| 1953-54—Sept. " | 6,788 | 5,294 | 2,217 | 1,907 | 1,984 | 683 | 72 | 18,945 |
| Dec. " | 7,283 | 5,173 | 1,957 | 1,591 | 1,741 | 595 | 72 | 18,412 |
| Mar. " | 7,197 | 5,234 | 2,225 | 1,499 | 1,909 | 663 | 92 | 18,819 |
| COMPLETED. | | | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48.. .. | (a)3,715 | 2,962 | 2,300 | 752 | 693 | 386 | 68 | (a)10,876 |
| 1948-49.. .. | (a)4,466 | 3,570 | 2,338 | 997 | 811 | 572 | 81 | (a)12,835 |
| 1949-50.. .. | (a)4,692 | 3,902 | 2,362 | 1,226 | 877 | 713 | 101 | (a)13,873 |
| 1950-51.. .. | (a)4,943 | 5,290 | 2,569 | 1,680 | 1,290 | 979 | 144 | (a)16,895 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 5,837 | 5,988 | 2,951 | 1,928 | 1,644 | 1,000 | 146 | 19,494 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 6,222 | 5,258 | 2,650 | 2,235 | 1,991 | 829 | 147 | 19,332 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52—Dec. Qtr. | 6,041 | 6,513 | 3,008 | 1,964 | 1,821 | 1,336 | 154 | 20,837 |
| Mar. " | 6,122 | 5,231 | 3,049 | 1,754 | 1,477 | 705 | 121 | 18,459 |
| June " | 6,158 | 6,056 | 2,868 | 2,225 | 1,899 | 887 | 174 | 20,267 |
| 1952-53—Sept. " | 6,388 | 5,675 | 2,836 | 2,352 | 2,040 | 909 | 131 | 20,331 |
| Dec. " | 6,216 | 5,564 | 2,663 | 2,476 | 2,314 | 983 | 213 | 20,429 |
| Mar. " | 6,368 | 4,905 | 2,473 | 2,071 | 1,630 | 704 | 105 | 18,256 |
| June " | 5,918 | 4,889 | 2,626 | 2,041 | 1,981 | 718 | 141 | 18,314 |
| 1953-54—Sept. " | 5,918 | 5,626 | 2,266 | 1,973 | 1,893 | 608 | 124 | 18,408 |
| Dec. " | 7,394 | 5,994 | 2,430 | 2,051 | 2,138 | 661 | 203 | 20,871 |
| Mar. " | 6,048 | 4,776 | 2,034 | 1,682 | 1,621 | 562 | 98 | 16,821 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD. | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 | (a)19,686 | 15,312 | 3,951 | 3,203 | 1,841 | 2,065 | 491 | (a)46,549 |
| 1948-49 | (a)23,113 | 17,521 | 3,958 | 3,940 | 2,439 | 2,575 | 696 | (a)54,242 |
| 1949-50 | (a)26,402 | 21,553 | 4,520 | 5,241 | 3,957 | 3,357 | 678 | (a)65,708 |
| 1950-51 | (a)31,793 | 27,341 | 4,943 | 6,529 | 5,764 | 3,558 | 981 | (a)80,909 |
| 1951-52 | (a)32,806 | 26,896 | 5,135 | 7,395 | 6,917 | 3,143 | 708 | (a)83,000 |
| 1952-53 | (a)28,946 | 22,053 | 3,918 | 6,464 | 5,951 | 2,114 | 646 | (a)70,092 |
| 1951-52—Dec. Qtr. | (a)33,412 | 28,190 | 5,456 | 6,938 | 6,740 | 3,264 | 836 | (a)84,836 |
| Mar. " | (a)33,182 | 28,253 | 5,326 | 7,411 | 7,091 | 3,346 | 808 | (a)85,417 |
| June " | (a)32,806 | 26,896 | 5,135 | 7,395 | 6,917 | 3,143 | 708 | (a)83,000 |
| 1952-53—Sept. " | (a)30,914 | 24,844 | 5,228 | 7,384 | 6,551 | 2,808 | 660 | (a)78,389 |
| Dec. " | (a)29,908 | 22,994 | 4,635 | 6,786 | 5,973 | 2,317 | 626 | (a)73,239 |
| Mar. " | (a)28,743 | 22,506 | 4,279 | 6,450 | 6,185 | 2,308 | 706 | (a)71,177 |
| June " | (a)28,946 | 22,053 | 3,918 | 6,464 | 5,951 | 2,114 | 646 | (a)70,092 |
| 1953-54—Sept. " | (a)29,816 | 21,721 | 3,869 | 6,422 | 6,042 | 2,189 | 594 | (a)70,653 |
| Dec. " | (a)29,705 | 20,900 | 3,396 | 5,960 | 5,645 | 2,123 | 463 | (a)68,192 |
| Mar. " | (a)30,854 | 21,358 | 3,587 | 5,778 | 5,933 | 2,224 | 457 | (a)70,191 |

(a) Partly estimated.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period. | Black Coal. | | | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Production). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. | | Metals. | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------|---|----------------------|
| | Under-ground. | Open Cut. | Total. | | | Gas made in Gas-works. | Total Electricity Generated. | Pig Iron. | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. | Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined. (b) |
| | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 fine oz. | Million cubic feet. | Million kWh. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | (c) | (c) | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 977 | 258 | 108.2 | 1,679 | 331 | 76.1 | 90.0 | 5,840 | 17,562 | 1,280 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 990 | 300 | 123.3 | 1,746 | 363 | 77.5 | 97.2 | 5,810 | 18,797 | 1,437 |
| 1938-39 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 1,051 | 267 | 135.1 | 1,789 | 391 | 92.1 | 97.5 | 5,819 | 19,416 | 1,457 |
| 1946-47 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 1,178 | 490 | 77.2 | 2,784 | 627 | 95.3 | 109.4 | 5,852 | 14,693 | 1,812 |
| 1947-48 .. | n.a. | n.a. | 1,231 | 535 | 75.5 | 3,025 | 697 | 103.0 | 112.1 | 5,784 | 14,497 | 1,290 |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,066 | 178 | 1,244 | 586 | 74.9 | 3,061 | 754 | 87.1 | 98.2 | 6,298 | 17,017 | 939 |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,039 | 204 | 1,243 | 636 | 71.6 | 2,908 | 792 | 91.5 | 101.5 | 6,981 | 15,784 | 968 |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,124 | 245 | 1,369 | 608 | 74.3 | 3,075 | 875 | 109.4 | 120.3 | 6,478 | 15,682 | 936 |
| 1951-52 .. | 1,245 | 353 | 1,598 | 675 | 75.7 | 3,366 | 941 | 119.2 | 126.8 | 7,011 | 15,680 | 1,483 |
| 1952-53 p.. | 1,254 | 292 | 1,546 | 673 | 86.5 | 3,439 | 1,024 | 141.0 | r150.1 | 7,181 | 16,030 | r1,595 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 1,347 | 378 | 1,725 | 701 | 77.5 | 3,656 | 992 | 95.9 | 91.6 | 7,729 | 17,627 | 1,446 |
| June .. | 1,224 | 311 | 1,535 | 684 | 83.6 | 3,743 | 988 | r93.7 | r98.5 | 7,225 | 10,388 | 2,626 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,510 | 375 | 1,885 | 728 | 93.7 | 4,068 | 1,082 | r123.2 | 145.4 | 7,269 | 18,721 | 821 |
| August .. | 1,295 | 277 | 1,572 | 717 | 69.5 | 3,855 | 1,039 | r134.2 | 151.3 | 7,315 | 19,540 | 1,818 |
| September .. | 1,429 | 385 | 1,814 | 655 | 80.8 | 3,528 | 992 | r151.5 | 150.3 | 7,072 | 18,407 | 1,733 |
| October .. | 1,507 | 359 | 1,866 | 667 | 101.2 | 3,473 | 1,018 | r159.0 | 164.0 | 7,338 | 18,413 | 2,381 |
| November .. | 1,321 | 327 | 1,648 | 680 | 82.4 | 3,271 | 965 | r145.3 | 152.6 | 7,116 | 18,437 | 2,333 |
| December .. | 1,076 | 266 | 1,342 | 596 | 96.5 | 3,206 | 972 | r141.7 | 150.5 | 7,412 | 12,679 | 639 |
| January .. | 884 | 182 | 1,066 | 610 | 81.6 | 3,011 | 939 | r135.4 | 155.2 | 7,368 | 3,202 | r560 |
| February .. | 1,264 | 268 | 1,532 | 635 | 79.2 | 2,861 | 932 | r134.9 | 143.4 | 6,715 | 7,996 | r1,727 |
| March .. | 1,319 | 287 | 1,606 | 665 | 88.4 | 3,221 | 1,052 | r166.2 | 162.7 | 7,422 | 19,292 | r1,340 |
| April .. | 1,153 | 251 | 1,404 | 670 | 82.4 | 3,220 | 1,017 | r159.4 | 156.9 | 7,110 | 18,714 | r2,038 |
| May .. | 1,125 | 257 | 1,382 | 748 | 84.6 | 3,684 | 1,121 | r147.2 | 170.3 | 7,285 | 18,045 | r943 |
| June .. | 1,151 | 278 | 1,429 | 702 | 97.1 | 3,876 | 1,160 | 151.9 | 171.7 | 6,754 | 18,910 | r2,802 |
| 1953-54p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | r1,523 | r299 | r1,822 | 710 | 79.4 | 4,149 | 1,195 | 156.3 | r188.4 | 7,070 | 21,590 | r269 |
| August .. | r1,435 | r272 | r1,707 | 707 | 106.8 | 4,031 | 1,155 | 158.3 | 186.9 | 7,445 | 20,062 | r272 |
| September .. | r1,463 | r290 | r1,753 | 701 | 86.8 | 3,675 | 1,109 | 151.5 | 171.0 | 7,403 | 19,934 | r828 |
| October .. | r1,457 | r280 | r1,737 | 746 | 88.6 | 3,591 | 1,125 | 162.5 | 187.8 | 8,394 | 21,256 | r2,007 |
| November .. | r1,414 | r255 | r1,669 | 723 | 93.3 | 3,354 | 1,085 | 157.3 | 181.7 | 8,405 | 16,387 | r2,830 |
| December .. | r1,101 | r204 | r1,305 | 624 | 106.6 | 3,216 | 1,062 | 161.7 | 167.1 | 8,806 | 21,130 | r1,066 |
| January .. | r979 | r187 | r1,166 | 632 | r83.0 | 3,073 | 1,036 | 158.8 | 180.4 | 8,593 | 22,190 | 3,463 |
| February .. | r1,251 | r209 | r1,460 | 667 | 86.7 | 2,931 | 1,020 | 135.5 | 151.7 | 7,883 | 18,332 | 2,829 |
| March .. | r1,533 | 284 | r1,817 | 738 | r101.4 | 3,353 | 1,181 | 144.2 | 178.6 | 8,921 | 17,973 | 2,365 |
| April .. | 1,291 | 258 | 1,549 | 736 | r91.7 | 3,315 | 1,126 | 143.5 | 177.1 | 8,677 | 17,883 | 3,633 |
| May .. | 1,395 | 265 | r1,660 | 781 | | | | 148.4 | 187.2 | 8,954 | 19,523 | 2,037 |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia twelve months ended May.

(b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association.

(c) Monthly averages for

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period. | Building Materials. | | | | | | | Cooking Stoves. | | | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | Clay Bricks. | Roofing Tiles. | | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) | |
| | | Terra-cotta. | Cement. | | | | | | | | |
| | Million. | '000. | '000. | '000 sq. yds. (d) | Million sup. ft. | '000 tons. | '000 sq. yds. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 53.1 | 2,630 | 326 | 522 | 53.6 | 60.0 | 567 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| 1937-38 .. | 57.4 | 3,023 | 430 | 678 | 62.2 | 71.0 | 619 | 4,562 | 3,481 | 749 | 1,257 |
| 1938-39 .. | 60.0 | 3,307 | 374 | 791 | 59.8 | 72.3 | 634 | 4,538 | 3,894 | 730 | 2,458 |
| 1946-47 .. | 41.4 | 3,118 | 561 | 1,610 | 87.3 | 73.5 | 755 | 3,629 | 2,264 | 894 | 5,711 |
| 1947-48 .. | 48.2 | 3,483 | 1,689 | 1,641 | 93.1 | 84.4 | 977 | 4,438 | 3,309 | 2,532 | 9,362 |
| 1948-49 .. | 51.4 | 3,680 | 2,358 | 1,547 | 98.7 | 86.0 | 1,103 | 5,120 | 4,130 | 3,494 | 12,134 |
| 1949-50 .. | 50.3 | 3,785 | 3,387 | 1,529 | 101.9 | 97.3 | 1,105 | 5,155 | 3,892 | 2,865 | 13,528 |
| 1950-51 .. | 57.4 | 3,918 | 4,230 | 1,771 | 105.1 | 102.9 | 1,265 | 6,251 | 4,613 | 3,733 | 16,994 |
| 1951-52 .. | 59.6 | 4,072 | 5,540 | 1,944 | 116.0 | 103.1 | 1,373 | 5,975 | 4,251 | 4,240 | 16,066 |
| 1952-53 p .. | 55.9 | 4,793 | 3,809 | 2,032 | 109.0 | 119.3 | 1,216 | 3,886 | 2,866 | 1,883 | 15,145 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | (e) | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 64.1 | 4,461 | 5,504 | 2,305 | 120.9 | 123.9 | 1,452 | 5,457 | 3,656 | 3,577 | 11,751 |
| June .. | 56.6 | 4,479 | 5,089 | 2,009 | 116.2 | 111.5 | 1,365 | 5,294 | 2,281 | 2,946 | 9,586 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 60.0 | 4,874 | 4,652 | 2,077 | 117.2 | 100.2 | 1,337 | 6,037 | 2,712 | 2,420 | 9,632 |
| August .. | 53.2 | 4,435 | 4,167 | 2,123 | 115.7 | 101.5 | 1,237 | 4,560 | 2,315 | 1,504 | 8,833 |
| September .. | 56.4 | 5,132 | 4,171 | 1,969 | 107.3 | 124.0 | 1,322 | 3,862 | 2,782 | 1,635 | 12,770 |
| October .. | 57.7 | 5,293 | 4,585 | 2,150 | 120.6 | 126.8 | 1,328 | 4,407 | 2,972 | 2,052 | 18,481 |
| November .. | 53.0 | 4,775 | 4,310 | 2,504 | 110.2 | 126.9 | 1,221 | 3,528 | 3,064 | 1,564 | 22,415 |
| December .. | 46.0 | 4,126 | 3,110 | 1,418 | 99.6 | 111.4 | 1,029 | 3,026 | 2,422 | 1,431 | 21,909 |
| January .. | 41.6 | 3,612 | 2,727 | 1,490 | 89.4 | 99.7 | 970 | 2,537 | 2,301 | 1,200 | 17,372 |
| February .. | 55.5 | 4,611 | 3,749 | 2,215 | 101.5 | 104.3 | 1,211 | 3,434 | 3,123 | 1,625 | 18,298 |
| March .. | 62.0 | 5,135 | 3,810 | 2,065 | 108.0 | 128.4 | 1,301 | 3,698 | 3,290 | 2,213 | 13,975 |
| April .. | 59.6 | 5,026 | 3,625 | 1,920 | 102.9 | 135.9 | 1,213 | 3,746 | 3,125 | 2,310 | 12,109 |
| May .. | 60.4 | 5,201 | 3,291 | 2,412 | 119.9 | 139.3 | 1,217 | 4,026 | 3,147 | 2,128 | 13,236 |
| June .. | 64.7 | 5,293 | 3,504 | 2,038 | 116.0 | 132.9 | 1,200 | 3,766 | 3,143 | 2,515 | 12,710 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 68.6 | 5,607 | 3,794 | 2,348 | 129.3 | 141.3 | 1,466 | 4,970 | 3,850 | 2,575 | 17,517 |
| August .. | 63.6 | 5,345 | 3,568 | 2,372 | 116.5 | 138.8 | 1,419 | 4,400 | 3,780 | 2,331 | 17,448 |
| September .. | 72.1 | 5,889 | 4,050 | 2,207 | 125.4 | 137.2 | 1,471 | 5,295 | 4,048 | 2,989 | 22,183 |
| October .. | 70.2 | 5,466 | 3,985 | 2,344 | 126.7 | 146.5 | 1,487 | 4,024 | 4,040 | 2,965 | 28,871 |
| November .. | 67.8 | 5,532 | 4,074 | 2,224 | 116.9 | 135.1 | 1,519 | 3,924 | 3,789 | 3,047 | 30,702 |
| December .. | 60.4 | 4,686 | 3,782 | 1,778 | 109.4 | 133.4 | 1,249 | 3,223 | 3,407 | 2,415 | 31,916 |
| January .. | 50.2 | 3,902 | 2,686 | 1,673 | 88.7 | 118.2 | 1,110 | 2,491 | 2,439 | 2,308 | 25,350 |
| February .. | 62.3 | 5,037 | 3,457 | 2,210 | 95.9 | 121.3 | 1,458 | 3,220 | 3,045 | 2,673 | 23,333 |
| March .. | 75.6 | 5,659 | 4,064 | 2,527 | 107.4 | 156.2 | 1,602 | 3,952 | 3,987 | 3,860 | 21,975 |
| April .. | 66.9 | 5,180 | 3,585 | 1,936 | 107.5 | 145.4 | 1,485 | 3,847 | 2,930 | 3,382 | 18,399 |
| May .. | 70.5 | 5,720 | 3,973 | 2,516 | | 173.5 | 1,589 | 4,740 | 4,096 | 3,810 | 17,967 |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, — see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period. | Cotton Textiles. | | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Wool Textiles. | | | Boots and Shoes (not Rubber). |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Cotton Yarn. | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). | | Scoured and Carbonized Wool. | Yarn. | Woven Cloth. | |
| | '000 lb. | '000 sq. yds. | '000 sq. yds. | Million lb. | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 730 | n.a. | n.a. | 8.4 | 2.14 | 2.04 | 1,208 |
| 1937-38 | 965 | n.a. | n.a. | 7.9 | 2.51 | 2.47 | 1,176 |
| 1938-39 | 974 | n.a. | n.a. | 8.8 | 2.71 | 2.65 | 1,164 |
| 1946-47 | 2,257 | 2,117 | n.a. | 15.3 | 4.13 | 3.18 | 1,306 |
| 1947-48 | 2,368 | 1,960 | 369.2 | 14.8 | 4.28 | 3.42 | 1,351 |
| 1948-49 | 2,290 | 2,133 | 475.5 | 13.5 | 4.24 | 3.40 | 1,287 |
| 1949-50 | 2,519 | 2,398 | 548.5 | 14.4 | 4.09 | 3.11 | 1,284 |
| 1950-51 | 2,938 | 2,537 | 905.0 | 12.7 | 3.87 | 3.13 | 1,409 |
| 1951-52 | 2,872 | 2,617 | 905.4 | 10.1 | 3.04 | 2.44 | 1,400 |
| 1952-53 p | 2,266 | 1,986 | 1,287.5 | 10.4 | 2.93 | 2.40 | 1,335 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| May | 2,393 | 2,587 | 791.4 | 10.8 | 2.31 | 1.89 | 1,406 |
| June | 2,465 | 2,678 | 761.8 | 10.7 | 2.28 | 1.71 | 1,323 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,699 | 2,715 | 1,047.6 | 10.3 | 2.28 | 1.70 | 1,474 |
| August | 2,248 | 1,949 | 1,102.8 | 8.3 | 2.43 | 1.76 | 1,379 |
| September | 2,389 | 2,041 | 1,100.0 | 7.7 | 2.53 | 2.05 | 1,402 |
| October | 2,550 | 2,172 | 1,341.9 | 10.0 | 2.74 | 2.43 | 1,451 |
| November | 2,148 | 1,841 | 1,278.1 | 10.1 | 2.98 | 2.57 | 1,335 |
| December | 1,784 | 1,552 | 966.7 | 9.7 | 2.54 | 2.05 | 1,075 |
| January | 1,411 | 1,271 | 901.3 | 8.0 | 2.00 | 1.75 | 803 |
| February | 2,097 | 1,855 | 1,308.6 | 10.3 | 3.25 | 2.82 | 1,312 |
| March | 2,425 | 1,847 | 1,395.9 | 11.6 | 3.52 | 2.99 | 1,411 |
| April | 2,529 | 2,292 | 1,608.3 | 11.5 | 3.59 | 2.78 | 1,393 |
| May | 2,320 | 2,036 | 1,820.3 | 11.8 | 3.76 | 3.02 | 1,481 |
| June | 2,590 | 2,268 | 1,578.8 | 15.6 | 3.58 | 2.87 | 1,506 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,012 | 2,513 | 1,781.8 | 12.7 | 3.72 | 2.75 | 1,629 |
| August | 2,798 | 2,364 | 1,691.5 | 10.9 | 3.75 | 2.85 | 1,494 |
| September | 3,345 | 2,608 | 1,722.1 | 11.4 | 3.95 | 2.97 | 1,571 |
| October | 2,961 | 2,565 | 1,886.7 | 11.2 | 3.86 | 2.89 | 1,526 |
| November | 3,136 | 2,602 | 1,603.0 | 11.1 | 3.80 | 2.98 | 1,479 |
| December | 2,912 | 2,139 | 1,274.0 | 10.6 | 3.20 | 2.36 | 1,259 |
| January | 2,214 | 1,723 | 1,245.1 | 8.4 | 2.42 | 2.05 | 913 |
| February | 3,070 | 2,322 | 1,640.9 | 9.7 | 3.67 | 2.76 | 1,304 |
| March | 3,963 | 3,103 | 1,664.5 | 12.7 | 4.18 | 3.24 | 1,568 |
| April | 2,999 | 2,642 | 1,619.1 | 11.0 | 3.77 | 2.49 | 1,418 |
| May | 3,566 | 3,069 | 1,333.1 | 11.9 | 3.63 | 2.69 | 1,521 |

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period. | Hosiery. | | | Underwear (a) | | Shirts, Men's and Boys'. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Men's and Boys'. | Women's, Maids' and Girls'. | Children's. | Men's, Youths' and Boys'. | Women's, Maids' and Girls'. | |
| | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 83.1 | 157.1 | 49.1 | 191.8 | | (b)60.6 |
| 1937-38 | 86.7 | 183.7 | 52.0 | 227.6 | | (b)69.9 |
| 1938-39 | 91.9 | 178.0 | 51.0 | 229.2 | | (b)56.2 |
| 1946-47 | 106.4 | 121.6 | 43.0 | 234.7 | | (b)59.1 |
| 1947-48 | 105.4 | 130.6 | 59.8 | 254.7 | | (b)66.7 |
| 1948-49 | 106.3 | 128.0 | 58.8 | 264.0 | | (b)71.3 |
| 1949-50 | 99.3 | 142.4 | 54.7 | 294.2 | | (b)73.7 |
| 1950-51 | 128.0 | 154.8 | 46.9 | 107.7 | 201.9 | 89.5 |
| 1951-52 | 121.8 | 155.6 | 38.9 | 105.6 | 196.6 | 96.5 |
| 1952-53 p | 131.3 | 193.7 | 34.5 | 92.0 | 171.5 | 73.1 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | (c) | (c) | |
| May | 101.0 | 150.1 | 32.4 | 75.5 | 169.1 | 82.1 |
| June | 106.2 | 156.1 | 33.0 | 78.1 | 158.2 | 75.9 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | |
| July | 120.9 | 183.6 | 26.1 | 89.5 | 177.5 | 88.8 |
| August | 119.1 | 170.9 | 25.7 | 88.4 | 154.5 | 82.6 |
| September | 133.9 | 197.5 | 35.0 | 90.7 | 178.3 | 86.6 |
| October | 152.4 | 211.4 | 38.0 | 100.0 | 197.4 | 97.8 |
| November | 138.1 | 194.1 | 33.9 | 90.1 | 184.3 | 84.4 |
| December | 119.6 | 167.9 | 29.9 | 82.4 | 161.9 | 70.4 |
| January | 85.1 | 120.5 | 20.3 | 62.7 | 106.8 | 34.8 |
| February | 134.9 | 193.3 | 38.1 | 92.5 | 165.6 | 60.8 |
| March | 139.9 | 227.7 | 42.9 | 100.1 | 183.2 | 65.2 |
| April | 142.7 | 212.0 | 36.0 | 100.3 | 182.6 | 62.4 |
| May | 138.2 | 217.7 | 43.8 | 103.3 | 183.9 | 64.3 |
| June | 150.4 | 227.2 | 44.2 | 104.2 | 182.8 | 79.4 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | |
| July | 170.6 | 251.6 | 53.4 | 123.5 | 227.7 | 100.1 |
| August | 163.0 | 224.4 | 51.8 | 112.0 | 209.6 | 107.5 |
| September | 183.6 | 249.1 | 52.6 | 132.2 | 250.7 | 119.6 |
| October | 169.6 | 215.1 | 48.0 | 125.9 | 239.9 | 125.9 |
| November | 176.9 | 231.8 | 46.7 | 128.5 | 241.4 | 133.9 |
| December | 148.6 | 208.2 | 39.4 | 112.3 | 198.8 | 107.8 |
| January | 103.8 | 151.6 | 28.1 | 83.6 | 150.3 | 56.9 |
| February | 142.1 | 214.7 | 42.7 | 109.6 | 197.2 | 83.3 |
| March | 177.6 | 272.8 | 54.2 | 131.3 | 252.9 | 108.8 |
| April | 138.8 | 236.5 | 45.1 | 118.5 | 203.0 | 95.3 |
| May | 147.9 | 258.5 | 50.2 | 128.2 | 214.2 | 105.2 |

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric.
partly estimated from May to June, 1952.

(b) Excludes knitted.

(c) Monthly series

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period. | Wheaten Flour. | Refined Sugar. | Whole Milk for All Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). | | | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a) | | | | | Beer. |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | Butter. | Cheese. | Processed Full Cream Milk Products. | Beef (including Veal). | Mutton. | Lamb. | Total Pigeons (as Pork). | Total. (b) | |
| | '000 short tons. | '000 tons. | Million gals. | Tons. | Tons. | '000 gals.(c) | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 gals. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 102.4 | 27.0 | 89.9 | 13,908 | 1,636 | n.a. | 45.9 | 16.0 | 9.94 | 7.71 | 79.6 | 6,261 |
| 1937-38 | 104.2 | 28.9 | 96.4 | 15,242 | 2,018 | n.a. | 49.7 | 17.2 | 9.92 | 7.16 | 84.0 | 7,084 |
| 1938-39 | 114.4 | 28.2 | 99.1 | 16,232 | 2,415 | 2,781 | 46.6 | 17.1 | 9.55 | 7.24 | 80.5 | 7,523 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | 124.1 | 35.2 | 90.0 | 11,568 | 3,518 | 5,871 | 40.6 | 15.2 | 10.00 | 7.91 | 73.7 | 10,657 |
| 1947-48 | 133.2 | 36.3 | 97.8 | 13,132 | 3,453 | 6,509 | 46.8 | 13.8 | 10.80 | 7.48 | 78.9 | 10,561 |
| 1948-49 | 139.9 | 35.7 | 101.1 | 13,424 | 3,596 | 7,304 | 48.1 | 15.1 | 11.59 | 7.82 | 82.6 | 12,171 |
| 1949-50 | 125.8 | 35.2 | 103.5 | 14,037 | 3,731 | 7,464 | 50.5 | 17.2 | 12.69 | 7.52 | 87.9 | 13,009 |
| 1950-51 | 141.3 | 37.6 | 100.0 | 13,303 | 3,692 | 7,069 | 54.3 | 13.5 | 9.37 | 7.11 | 84.3 | 14,397 |
| 1951-52 | 143.4 | 41.1 | 87.6 | 10,931 | 3,382 | 6,360 | 48.5 | 14.7 | 8.88 | 7.07 | 79.2 | 15,398 |
| 1952-53p | 143.5 | 35.2 | 102.3 | 13,623 | 3,898 | 7,160 | 56.2 | 20.5 | 12.28 | 7.03 | 96.0 | 16,592 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 141.7 | 41.8 | 68.3 | 8,219 | 1,565 | 3,516 | 51.7 | 15.4 | 7.08 | 7.37 | 81.6 | 14,831 |
| June .. | 132.4 | 38.9 | 64.0 | 7,449 | 1,602 | 3,058 | 56.7 | 14.6 | 7.15 | 6.19 | 84.6 | 13,038 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 138.2 | 48.6 | 68.2 | 7,855 | 2,226 | 3,537 | 59.4 | 15.5 | 8.02 | 6.92 | 89.8 | 15,355 |
| Aug. .. | 139.3 | 42.4 | 84.2 | 10,316 | 3,620 | 5,200 | 52.9 | 15.6 | 9.12 | 6.51 | 84.1 | 15,180 |
| Sept. .. | 135.9 | 42.4 | 113.7 | 15,126 | 5,267 | 8,846 | 51.3 | 18.7 | 12.20 | 6.87 | 89.1 | 16,301 |
| Oct. .. | 139.1 | 39.1 | 140.3 | 19,314 | 6,865 | 12,048 | 55.8 | 22.9 | 21.66 | 7.28 | 107.6 | 16,817 |
| Nov. .. | 139.2 | 30.2 | 142.3 | 19,452 | 6,952 | 13,282 | 50.1 | 21.3 | 22.61 | 7.16 | 101.2 | 13,876 |
| Dec. .. | 125.2 | 26.2 | 140.6 | 19,522 | 6,322 | 12,502 | 53.3 | 24.7 | 18.79 | 9.43 | 106.2 | 19,096 |
| Jan. .. | 144.8 | 28.3 | 121.9 | 16,895 | 4,889 | 9,384 | 48.4 | 24.4 | 10.88 | 6.26 | 89.9 | 18,740 |
| Feb. .. | 142.5 | 32.3 | 106.8 | 15,045 | 3,299 | 6,854 | 49.3 | 24.4 | 9.02 | 6.09 | 88.8 | 16,790 |
| Mar. .. | 148.0 | 36.2 | 100.2 | 14,056 | 2,624 | 5,403 | 56.2 | 23.4 | 9.48 | 7.22 | 96.3 | 18,374 |
| Apr. .. | 141.1 | 32.7 | 79.2 | 10,435 | 1,745 | 3,550 | 56.4 | 19.9 | 9.15 | 7.04 | 92.5 | 16,463 |
| May .. | 164.7 | 31.9 | 68.0 | 8,283 | 1,478 | 2,734 | 67.6 | 17.9 | 8.45 | 6.95 | 100.9 | 16,173 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June .. | 162.7 | 31.6 | 62.4 | 7,177 | 1,483 | 2,576 | 73.6 | 17.0 | 7.69 | 6.67 | 105.0 | 15,937 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1953-54p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 170.7 | 37.0 | 62.9 | 6,951 | 1,986 | 3,096 | 70.7 | 15.8 | 7.63 | 7.44 | 101.6 | 14,658 |
| Aug. .. | 149.6 | 38.4 | 77.1 | 8,919 | 3,327 | 5,136 | 66.3 | 15.2 | 7.53 | 6.55 | 95.6 | 15,339 |
| Sept. .. | 141.5 | 37.7 | 102.2 | 12,798 | 5,397 | 7,730 | 59.0 | 14.6 | 10.08 | 6.29 | 90.0 | 17,034 |
| Oct. .. | 134.0 | 36.0 | 131.1 | 17,504 | 7,372 | 9,904 | 55.9 | 18.3 | 14.81 | 6.90 | 95.9 | 18,141 |
| Nov. .. | 140.1 | 38.5 | 141.6 | 19,664 | 7,392 | 10,175 | 50.8 | 23.2 | 18.42 | 7.80 | 100.2 | 19,238 |
| Dec. .. | 118.8 | 37.6 | 134.8 | 18,606 | 6,645 | 9,677 | 50.2 | 23.7 | 15.51 | 9.22 | 98.6 | 21,596 |
| Jan. .. | 121.5 | 42.7 | 121.6 | 17,051 | 5,093 | 7,520 | 47.0 | 22.3 | 11.25 | 5.71 | 86.3 | 19,962 |
| Feb. .. | 108.1 | 36.2 | 108.2 | 15,416 | 3,614 | 5,496 | 46.9 | 22.1 | 8.14 | 5.61 | 82.8 | 16,604 |
| Mar. .. | 124.7 | 44.6 | 108.2 | 15,468 | 3,094 | 5,125 | 57.7 | 20.9 | 9.18 | 7.58 | 95.4 | 20,734 |
| April .. | 115.6 | 37.5 | 78.4 | 9,936 | 1,907 | 4,071 | 54.5 | 18.1 | 8.41 | 7.02 | 88.0 | 18,244 |
| May .. | 146.6 | 39.0 | 64.1 | 7,651 | 1,667 | 2,922 | 68.6 | 17.6 | 8.38 | 6.90 | 101.5 | 16,785 |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period. | Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a) | Chemicals and Allied Products. | | | | | Motor Bodies. | | | Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c. |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---|
| | | Sulphuric Acid (100%). | Super- phosphate. | Paints. | | | Sedans and Coupes. | Tourers and Roadsters. | Utilities. | |
| | | | | Ready- Mixed Paint. | Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose. | Enamels, Natural and Synthetic. | | | | |
| | '000 lb. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 gals. | '000 gals. | '000 gals. | No. | No. | No. | '000. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,805 | 36.4 | 90.9 | 161 | n.a. | n.a. | 3,660 | 478 | 610 | n.a. |
| 1937-38 | 1,904 | 41.3 | 102.8 | 170 | 60 | 39 | 4,032 | 804 | 518 | n.a. |
| 1938-39 | 1,939 | 40.8 | 100.0 | 176 | 48 | 48 | 3,426 | 816 | 715 | n.a. |
| 1946-47 | 2,534 | 38.3 | 97.5 | 233 | 63 | 94 | 1,199 | 496 | 528 | 141 |
| 1947-48 | 2,502 | 40.4 | 98.8 | 291 | 74 | 116 | 1,874 | 536 | 786 | 142 |
| 1948-49 | 2,427 | 48.8 | 118.6 | 308 | 69 | 143 | 2,131 | 487 | 799 | 143 |
| 1949-50 | 2,558 | 51.0 | 123.6 | 330 | 78 | 186 | 2,347 | 333 | 1,174 | 164 |
| 1950-51 | 2,652 | 53.3 | 129.0 | 466 | 96 | 157 | 3,036 | 387 | 1,853 | 187 |
| 1951-52 | 2,795 | 54.2 | 133.1 | 459 | 99 | 174 | 3,486 | 390 | 1,865 | 213 |
| 1952-53 p.. .. | 3,018 | 52.4 | 131.8 | 355 | 84 | 177 | 3,875 | | 1,707 | 141 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 2,982 | 54.0 | 127.1 | 386 | 92 | 153 | 4,226 | (b) | 1,934 | 244 |
| June | 2,353 | 49.8 | 132.7 | 316 | 77 | 132 | 3,713 | (b) | 1,720 | 203 |
| 1952-53 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,933 | 49.6 | 123.4 | 274 | 76 | 146 | 3,956 | | 1,752 | 214 |
| August | 2,840 | 47.6 | 115.8 | 267 | 72 | 128 | 3,467 | | 1,560 | 160 |
| September .. | 2,860 | 51.4 | 121.2 | 308 | 68 | 161 | 3,579 | | 1,564 | 115 |
| October | 3,208 | 54.2 | 143.1 | 394 | 74 | 160 | 4,036 | | 1,688 | 131 |
| November .. | 3,068 | 45.9 | 111.4 | 364 | 79 | 183 | 3,999 | | 1,455 | 100 |
| December .. | 2,873 | 51.9 | 135.8 | 335 | 73 | 169 | 3,864 | | 1,430 | 76 |
| January | 2,714 | 43.5 | 111.0 | 313 | 62 | 146 | 2,421 | | 1,083 | 86 |
| February .. | 3,157 | 48.4 | 119.4 | 399 | 97 | 192 | 4,063 | | 1,884 | 130 |
| March | 3,314 | 58.0 | 144.5 | 444 | 112 | 217 | 4,753 | | 2,159 | 167 |
| April | 3,039 | 60.2 | 160.4 | 392 | 94 | 195 | 4,058 | | 2,119 | 148 |
| May | 3,169 | 57.5 | 148.8 | 397 | 107 | 217 | 4,007 | | 1,910 | 163 |
| June | 3,037 | 60.5 | 146.6 | 373 | 92 | 217 | 4,299 | | 1,880 | 202 |
| 1953-54 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,350 | 55.7 | 134.0 | 428 | 105 | 224 | 5,460 | | 2,263 | 240 |
| August | 2,840 | 55.7 | 126.5 | 397 | 100 | 205 | 5,572 | | 2,148 | 221 |
| September .. | 3,582 | 57.4 | 147.5 | 447 | 109 | 239 | 5,599 | | 2,455 | 251 |
| October | 3,500 | 58.3 | 133.4 | 426 | 115 | 248 | 5,466 | | 2,262 | 244 |
| November .. | 3,750 | 53.3 | 122.3 | 428 | 113 | 254 | 5,189 | | 2,408 | 245 |
| December .. | 3,247 | 61.2 | 151.2 | 425 | 97 | 216 | 4,862 | | 1,933 | 210 |
| January | 2,952 | 60.7 | 143.2 | 343 | 82 | 170 | 3,570 | | 1,254 | 159 |
| February .. | 3,272 | 59.8 | 145.3 | 426 | 100 | 197 | 5,096 | | 1,655 | 219 |
| March | 4,003 | 70.3 | 179.4 | 470 | 124 | 237 | 6,574 | | 2,035 | 290 |
| April | 2,754 | 64.1 | 147.8 | 455 | 112 | 212 | 5,609 | | 1,923 | 245 |
| May | 3,683 | 65.4 | 161.3 | 474 | 126 | 233 | 6,383 | | 2,154 | 274 |

(a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid.
 (b) Not available for publication.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1948 = 100.)

| Period. | Belgium. (a) | Canada. (b) | Denmark. (b) | France. (b) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether- lands. | Norway. (b) | Sweden. (b) | United King- dom. (c) | U.S.A. (b) (d) |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1937 .. | 102 | 55 | n.a. | 98 | 102 | 192 | 88 | n.a. | 67 | 91 | 59 |
| 1938 .. | 82 | 52 | n.a. | 90 | 101 | 210 | 89 | 81 | 67 | 86 | 46 |
| 1939 .. | 87 | 56 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 98 | 86 | 73 | n.a. | 56 |
| 1947 .. | 93 | 96 | n.a. | 86 | 96 | n.a. | 83 | 90 | 94 | n.a. | 96 |
| 1948 .. | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1949 .. | 100 | 102 | 106 | 110 | 110 | 124 | 112 | 110 | 104 | 106 | 93 |
| 1950 .. | 102 | 108 | 119 | 111 | 127 | 142 | 123 | 124 | 108 | 114 | 108 |
| 1951 .. | 118 | 115 | 121 | 125 | 144 | 193 | 128 | 133 | 113 | 117 | 115 |
| 1952 .. | 114 | 119 | 117 | 131 | 147 | 213 | 130 | 133 | 110 | 114 | 119 |
| 1953 .. | 114 | 127 | 119 | 126 | 161 | 257 | 144 | 140 | 111 | 121 | 129 |
| 1952— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 115 | 120 | 120 | 133 | 153 | 205 | 126 | 128 | 116 | 117 | 113 |
| June .. | 113 | 121 | 118 | 132 | 144 | 208 | 122 | 138 | 115 | 112 | 113 |
| July .. | 101 | 116 | 85 | 123 | 152 | 214 | 128 | 94 | 70 | 102 | 104 |
| August .. | 106 | 119 | 116 | 105 | 119 | 216 | 123 | 127 | 104 | 98 | 118 |
| September.. | 115 | 124 | 122 | 128 | 154 | 224 | 139 | 138 | 113 | 116 | 126 |
| October .. | 119 | 126 | 123 | 133 | 162 | 222 | 147 | 143 | 117 | 119 | 129 |
| November.. | 120 | 126 | 122 | 134 | 150 | 215 | 138 | 148 | 116 | 123 | 129 |
| December .. | 113 | 120 | 117 | 131 | 152 | 226 | 135 | 130 | 116 | 112 | 126 |
| 1953— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 110 | 118 | 115 | 130 | 150 | 210 | 138 | 130 | 111 | 118 | 127 |
| February .. | 111 | 123 | 120 | 131 | 143 | 218 | 127 | 159 | 113 | 122 | 131 |
| March .. | 113 | 126 | 124 | 131 | 160 | 247 | 144 | 152 | 116 | 124 | 133 |
| April .. | 116 | 120 | 121 | 131 | 156 | 248 | 140 | 131 | 119 | 118 | 131 |
| May .. | 116 | 130 | 122 | 133 | 161 | 249 | 136 | 133 | 115 | 123 | 131 |
| June .. | 114 | 131 | 122 | 132 | 157 | 252 | 145 | 147 | 117 | 118 | 131 |
| July .. | 105 | 126 | 85 | 118 | 172 | 250 | 142 | 99 | 60 | 110 | 124 |
| August .. | 113 | 127 | 121 | 93 | 136 | 251 | 142 | 138 | 109 | 106 | 131 |
| September.. | 117 | 131 | 130 | 124 | 167 | 259 | 153 | 150 | 115 | 125 | 130 |
| October .. | 117 | 130 | 128 | 128 | 180 | 274 | 161 | 150 | 122 | r131 | 131 |
| November.. | 118 | 128 | 128 | 133 | 173 | 271 | 152 | 154 | 121 | 133 | 125 |
| December.. | r117 | 120 | 119 | 137 | 174 | 285 | 152 | 138 | 121 | 121 | 119 |
| 1954— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | r114 | 117 | 115 | 134 | 165 | r263 | 146 | 144 | 116 | 127 | 119 |
| February .. | r114 | r122 | 126 | r134 | 162 | r265 | 138 | 173 | r117 | 130 | 121 |
| March .. | 116 | 120 | 128 | 137 | 180 | r284 | r158 | 159 | r170 | 130 | 120 |
| April .. | | 124 | 129 | | | 277 | 151 | 139 | 122 | 124 | 118 |
| May .. | | | | | | | | | | | 118 |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction. (d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.
For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page I.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

| Period. | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. | | | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. (a) | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | Motor Cars.(b) | Commercial Vehicles, &c.(b) | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. (b) | Commercial Vehicles, &c.(b) | Motor Cycles. |
| | '000. | '000. | '000. | | | |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 499 | 214 | 78 | 4,049 | 2,016 | 623 |
| 1937-38 | 535 | 242 | 80 | 4,594 | 2,283 | 694 |
| 1938-39(a) | 562 | 258 | 79 | 4,509 | 2,077 | 614 |
| 1946-47 | 550 | 376 | 87 | 1,770 | 1,360 | 685 |
| 1947-48 | 593 | 414 | 100 | 3,562 | 2,397 | 1,192 |
| 1948-49 | 655 | 452 | 117 | 5,539 | 3,056 | 1,852 |
| 1949-50 | 768 | 502 | 134 | 9,584 | 4,829 | 2,232 |
| 1950-51 | 883 | 551 | 146 | 10,639 | 6,494 | 2,263 |
| 1951-52 | 1,032 | 583 | 155 | 10,443 | 6,122 | 1,846 |
| 1952-53 | 1,109 | 582 | 148 | 7,748 | 4,362 | 941 |
| 1953-54 | | | | p10,413 | p4,838 | p905 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | |
| June | 1,032 | 583 | 155 | 7,772 | 5,069 | 900 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | |
| July | 1,044 | 582 | 154 | 7,634 | 4,737 | 941 |
| August | 1,043 | 574 | 152 | 6,598 | 4,014 | 918 |
| September | 1,052 | 571 | 151 | 7,174 | 4,080 | 970 |
| October | 1,061 | 569 | 151 | 9,047 | 4,464 | 1,114 |
| November | 1,069 | 570 | 151 | 8,794 | 4,353 | 984 |
| December | 1,085 | 575 | 152 | 9,314 | 4,619 | 1,147 |
| January | 1,083 | 570 | 150 | 5,943 | 3,110 | 936 |
| February | 1,085 | 572 | 150 | 7,317 | 4,005 | 910 |
| March | 1,093 | 575 | 150 | 8,352 | 4,641 | 996 |
| April | 1,100 | 577 | 150 | 7,496 | 4,592 | 867 |
| May | 1,105 | 579 | 149 | 7,902 | 4,867 | 809 |
| June | 1,109 | 582 | 148 | 7,407 | 4,861 | 697 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | |
| July | 1,115 | 583 | 147 | 9,595 | 5,486 | 782 |
| August | 1,122 | 586 | 146 | 8,450 | 4,677 | 745 |
| September | 1,130 | 589 | 145 | 10,544 | 4,820 | 853 |
| October | 1,137 | 590 | 144 | 10,731 | 4,662 | 971 |
| November | 1,143 | 593 | 144 | 10,524 | 4,947 | 1,015 |
| December | 1,146 | 593 | 144 | 11,228 | 5,083 | 1,020 |
| January | 1,157 | 596 | 143 | 8,403 | 3,633 | 943 |
| February | 1,161 | 595 | 143 | 8,571 | 3,833 | 862 |
| March | 1,172 | 598 | 143 | 11,700 | 5,255 | 1,020 |
| April | 1,182 | 601 | 142 | r11,264 | r4,927 | r1,007 |
| May | 1,190 | 603 | 141 | r11,654 | r5,234 | r892 |
| June | | | | p12,300 | p5,500 | p750 |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
 (b) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date, only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five mainland State railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth railway systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

| Period. | Freight Carried (a) | | Average Daily Passenger-journeys. | Monthly Revenue. | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| | Net Ton-miles (Daily Average). | Average haul per ton. | | Gross. | Net. |
| | '000. | Miles. | '000. | £'000. | £'000. |
| 1936-37 | 12,820 | 125.9 | 1,028 | 3,407 | 886 |
| 1937-38 | 13,976 | 125.0 | 1,048 | 3,632 | 886 |
| 1938-39 | 13,085 | 127.0 | 1,048 | 3,580 | 694 |
| 1946-47 | 17,406 | 148.4 | 1,368 | 5,303 | 427 |
| 1947-48 | 18,510 | (b) 144.4 | 1,395 | 6,376 | 443 |
| 1948-49 | 19,317 | (b) 146.2 | 1,381 | 7,174 | 89 |
| 1949-50 | 19,181 | (b) 148.8 | 1,377 | 7,702 | — 184 |
| 1950-51 | 19,462 | (b) 148.6 | 1,300 | 8,834 | — 569 |
| 1951-52 | 20,342 | (b) 145.7 | 1,367 | 11,668 | — 602 |
| 1952-53 | 18,766 | (b) 136.4 | 1,364 | 12,892 | — 517 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | (c) |
| February | 19,122 | 134.7 | 1,429 | 11,492 | — 997 |
| March | 19,940 | 142.5 | 1,388 | 13,325 | — 275 |
| April | 18,743 | 141.2 | 1,388 | 13,195 | 611 |
| May | 19,507 | 142.8 | 1,349 | 13,085 | — 1,016 |
| June | 18,570 | 139.2 | 1,503 | 13,486 | — 1,672 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | |
| July | 20,453 | 131.2 | 1,334 | 14,062 | 669 |
| August | 20,331 | 138.4 | 1,422 | 13,947 | 561 |
| September | 19,908 | 132.2 | 1,376 | 14,387 | 1,363 |
| October | 19,977 | 138.3 | 1,327 | 14,685 | 1,025 |
| November | 20,788 | 134.6 | 1,455 | 14,194 | 313 |
| December | 19,705 | 143.8 | 1,303 | 14,130 | 265 |
| January | 16,778 | 130.1 | 1,305 | 13,599 | 862 |
| February | 17,101 | 122.0 | 1,527 | 12,233 | — 716 |
| March | 19,183 | 131.0 | 1,492 | 14,764 | 1,039 |

(a) Excludes South Brisbane—Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway from 1946-47 and Tasmania from 1947-48. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Total. |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1951-52 | 67,308 | 24,375 | 22,407 | 9,418 | 9,216 | 132,724 |
| 1952-53 | 73,932 | 31,666 | 24,835 | 11,616 | 7,934 | 149,983 |
| July, 1952-May, 1953 | 66,578 | 28,026 | 22,718 | 10,686 | 7,105 | 135,113 |
| July, 1953-May, 1954 | 66,144 | 32,226 | 26,202 | 11,699 | 10,273 | 146,544 |

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. Exclude Treasury transfers

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period. | Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from— | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (a) |
| Monthly | | | | | | | |
| Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 284 | 92 | 39 | 184 | 8 | 68 | 675 |
| 1937-38 .. | 309 | 101 | 37 | 212 | 8 | 75 | 742 |
| 1938-39 .. | 284 | 94 | 39 | 241 | 10 | 78 | 746 |
| 1946-47 .. | 283 | 72 | 46 | 234 | 17 | 55 | 707 |
| 1947-48 .. | 293 | 64 | 46 | 216 | 14 | 58 | 692 |
| 1948-49 .. | 287 | 59 | 43 | 167 | 11 | 50 | 617 |
| 1949-50 .. | 258 | 58 | 40 | 215 | 12 | 51 | 635 |
| 1950-51 .. | 259 | 57 | 46 | 242 | 12 | 55 | 671 |
| 1951-52 .. | 312 | 62 | 54 | 256 | 17 | 50 | 752 |
| 1952-53 .. | 316 | 56 | 61 | 264 | 61 | 52 | 810 |
| 1953-54 p .. | 343 | 74 | 46 | 302 | 63 | 55 | 883 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 338 | 62 | 58 | 263 | 22 | 48 | 791 |
| June .. | 292 | 66 | 36 | 226 | 37 | 44 | 701 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 378 | 55 | 94 | 287 | 26 | 65 | 905 |
| August .. | 369 | 63 | 83 | 335 | 16 | 57 | 924 |
| September .. | 347 | 58 | 63 | 266 | 34 | 55 | 823 |
| October .. | 419 | 57 | 59 | 303 | 49 | 58 | 945 |
| November .. | 339 | 54 | 89 | 244 | 56 | 51 | 834 |
| December .. | 281 | 52 | 51 | 235 | 75 | 33 | 729 |
| January .. | 242 | 44 | 40 | 275 | 64 | 44 | 709 |
| February .. | 287 | 55 | 59 | 245 | 85 | 43 | 775 |
| March .. | 327 | 46 | 57 | 268 | 70 | 54 | 822 |
| April .. | 259 | 56 | 44 | 242 | 78 | 53 | 732 |
| May .. | 293 | 65 | 48 | 255 | 86 | 56 | 803 |
| June .. | 249 | 60 | 46 | 209 | 87 | 55 | 708 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 377 | 76 | 55 | 279 | 87 | 63 | 938 |
| August .. | 348 | 63 | 37 | 333 | 81 | 51 | 913 |
| September .. | 372 | 63 | 60 | 274 | 58 | 48 | 875 |
| October .. | 432 | 74 | 54 | 282 | 53 | 53 | 948 |
| November .. | 353 | 64 | 35 | 308 | 46 | 51 | 857 |
| December .. | 294 | 64 | 49 | 269 | 72 | 47 | 795 |
| January .. | 321 | 46 | 42 | 342 | 56 | 46 | 853 |
| February .. | 262 | 55 | 30 | 283 | 59 | 44 | 733 |
| March .. | 375 | 65 | 37 | 272 | 68 | 65 | 886 |
| April .. | 313 | 97 | 47 | 316 | 44 | 62 | 879 |
| May .. | 337 | 97 | 66 | 350 | 45 | 74 | 969 |
| June p .. | 332 | 120 | 46 | 316 | 81 | 59 | 954 |

(a) Includes Northern Territory

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period. | Discharged. | | | Shipped. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total (Tons W and M). | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total (Tons W and M). |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 304 | 169 | 473 | 419 | 78 | 497 |
| 1937-38 | 364 | 190 | 554 | 478 | 91 | 569 |
| 1938-39 | 350 | 183 | 533 | 428 | 91 | 519 |
| 1946-47 | 348 | 116 | 464 | 259 | 112 | 371 |
| 1947-48 | 415 | 160 | 575 | 374 | 104 | 478 |
| 1948-49 | 488 | 214 | 702 | 452 | 114 | 566 |
| 1949-50 | 641 | 298 | 939 | 422 | 116 | 538 |
| 1950-51 | 757 | 333 | 1,090 | 450 | 108 | 558 |
| 1951-52 | 810 | 391 | 1,201 | 374 | 103 | 477 |
| 1952-53 | 644 | 161 | 805 | 504 | 121 | 625 |
| 1953-54 p .. | 711 | 235 | 936 | 479 | 113 | 592 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | |
| May | 816 | 255 | 1,071 | 345 | 130 | 475 |
| June | 744 | 196 | 940 | 322 | 139 | 461 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | |
| July | 727 | 169 | 896 | 402 | 119 | 521 |
| August | 714 | 168 | 882 | 366 | 113 | 479 |
| September .. | 810 | 128 | 938 | 366 | 154 | 520 |
| October | 639 | 163 | 802 | 498 | 118 | 616 |
| November .. | 597 | 134 | 731 | 449 | 121 | 570 |
| December .. | 690 | 167 | 857 | 476 | 98 | 574 |
| January | 572 | 178 | 750 | 447 | 86 | 533 |
| February .. | 476 | 130 | 606 | 485 | 94 | 579 |
| March | 549 | 182 | 731 | 625 | 144 | 769 |
| April | 651 | 143 | 794 | 594 | 150 | 744 |
| May | 681 | 168 | 849 | 672 | 151 | 823 |
| June | 625 | 197 | 822 | 668 | 107 | 775 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | |
| July | 621 | 194 | 815 | 683 | 116 | 799 |
| August | 699 | 248 | 947 | 472 | 110 | 582 |
| September .. | 652 | 207 | 859 | 498 | 91 | 589 |
| October | 748 | 198 | 946 | 559 | 107 | 666 |
| November .. | 716 | 258 | 974 | 509 | 87 | 596 |
| December .. | 611 | 213 | 824 | 440 | 98 | 538 |
| January | 735 | 264 | 999 | 364 | 61 | 425 |
| February .. | 617 | 187 | 804 | 391 | 87 | 478 |
| March | 804 | 285 | 1,089 | 537 | 175 | 712 |
| April | r731 | r202 | 933 | r394 | r160 | r554 |
| May | r779 | 288 | 1,067 | 454 | 158 | 621 |
| June p | 817 | 270 | 987 | 451 | 106 | 557 |

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period. | Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a) | Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b) | Telephone Services connected at end of period. | |
|-------------------|--|---|---|--------------|
| | | | Lines. | Instruments. |
| | £'000. | '000. | '000. | '000. |
| Monthly Averages. | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,318 | 938 | 440 | 595 |
| 1937-38 | 1,396 | 1,056 | 465 | 630 |
| 1938-39 | 1,447 | 1,130 | 488 | 662 |
| 1946-47 | 2,484 | 1,771 | 648 | 905 |
| 1947-48 | 2,616 | 1,833 | 688 | 963 |
| 1948-49 | 2,776 | 1,919 | 734 | 1,028 |
| 1949-50 | 3,196 | 2,030 | 793 | 1,110 |
| 1950-51 | 3,732 | (c)2,110 | 864 | 1,209 |
| 1951-52 | 4,948 | 1,961 | 927 | 1,301 |
| 1952-53 | 5,371 | 1,986 | 985 | 1,384 |
| 1953-54 | 5,650 | 2,042 | 1,050 | 1,476 |
| Monthly Totals. | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | |
| June | 5,657 | 1,961 | 927 | 1,301 |
| 1952-53— | | | | |
| July | 5,334 | 1,900 | 932 | 1,308 |
| August | 5,121 | 1,898 | 937 | 1,315 |
| September | 5,382 | 1,904 | 942 | 1,323 |
| October | 5,703 | 1,923 | 947 | 1,330 |
| November | 5,030 | 1,969 | 952 | 1,337 |
| December | 5,897 | 1,983 | 957 | 1,343 |
| January | 4,867 | 1,990 | 961 | 1,349 |
| February | 5,125 | 1,983 | 966 | 1,355 |
| March | 5,605 | 1,989 | 971 | 1,362 |
| April | 5,275 | 1,994 | 975 | 1,369 |
| May | 5,433 | 1,987 | 980 | 1,376 |
| June | 5,675 | 1,986 | 985 | 1,384 |
| 1953-54— | | | | |
| July | 5,438 | 1,988 | 991 | 1,392 |
| August | 5,116 | 1,991 | 996 | 1,400 |
| September | 5,613 | 1,987 | 1,003 | 1,409 |
| October | 5,837 | 1,986 | 1,008 | 1,417 |
| November | 5,487 | 1,968 | 1,014 | 1,425 |
| December | 6,409 | 1,968 | 1,020 | 1,433 |
| January | 5,130 | 1,968 | 1,025 | 1,439 |
| February | 5,049 | 1,972 | 1,029 | 1,445 |
| March | 6,247 | 2,011 | 1,034 | 1,453 |
| April | 5,587 | 2,030 | 1,039 | 1,460 |
| May | 5,779 | 2,031 | 1,044 | 1,467 |
| June | 6,106 | 2,042 | 1,050 | 1,476 |

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua.
licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

(c) During the period July, 1942, to December 1951, supplementary

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

| Period | Deposits.(b) | | | Advances. | Government and Municipal Securities. (c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank | Treasury Bills. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|--|-----------------|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. .. | 184.7 | 112.9 | 297.6 | 262.5 | 15.0 | .. | 34.2 | 24.5 |
| 1937-38.. .. | 194.8 | 120.0 | 314.8 | 274.4 | 21.4 | .. | 37.1 | 20.7 |
| 1938-39.. .. | 198.8 | 118.9 | 317.7 | 288.1 | 20.5 | .. | 33.6 | 21.5 |
| 1947-48.. .. | 201.9 | 471.6 | 673.5 | 329.9 | 65.6 | 262.3 | 44.4 | 18.1 |
| 1948-49.. .. | 211.3 | 565.1 | 776.4 | 368.6 | 61.5 | 322.7 | 48.0 | 22.1 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 224.5 | 685.6 | 910.1 | 403.9 | 83.8 | 377.0 | 52.0 | 26.5 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 247.7 | 896.5 | 1,144.2 | 479.3 | 90.2 | 500.3 | 59.3 | 36.9 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 238.2 | 963.5 | 1,201.7 | 621.4 | 68.4 | 466.0 | 60.6 | 32.4 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 218.7 | 943.7 | 1,162.4 | 638.1 | 86.5 | 211.7 | 74.7 | 123.1 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 239.8 | 1,035.7 | 1,275.5 | 658.5 | 130.3 | 285.2 | 71.2 | 99.4 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| June | 220.5 | 902.4 | 1,122.9 | 691.2 | 62.6 | 303.3 | 61.2 | 35.8 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 215.1 | 857.0 | 1,072.1 | 699.3 | 65.3 | 215.5 | 65.2 | 46.4 |
| August | 214.8 | 844.7 | 1,059.5 | 690.4 | 65.5 | 190.5 | 68.4 | 59.5 |
| September .. | 214.7 | 839.4 | 1,054.1 | 682.0 | 65.6 | 185.7 | 66.7 | 69.3 |
| October | 213.8 | 863.9 | 1,077.7 | 673.4 | 66.3 | 163.8 | 69.0 | 97.1 |
| November .. | 215.5 | 898.8 | 1,114.3 | 655.7 | 70.5 | 156.5 | 76.5 | 120.9 |
| December (e) .. | 217.1 | 930.3 | 1,147.4 | 637.7 | 79.3 | 156.5 | 78.6 | 136.8 |
| January | 218.7 | 952.9 | 1,171.6 | 616.0 | 91.3 | 167.5 | 91.9 | 157.8 |
| February | 219.0 | 999.9 | 1,218.9 | 604.1 | 96.5 | 193.6 | 89.3 | 188.4 |
| March | 221.1 | 1,051.5 | 1,272.6 | 593.9 | 101.1 | 228.6 | 81.7 | 211.0 |
| April | 224.0 | 1,059.5 | 1,283.5 | 592.5 | 110.1 | 276.1 | 71.7 | 173.3 |
| May | 222.7 | 1,029.5 | 1,252.2 | 597.6 | 115.5 | 300.8 | 65.5 | 129.0 |
| June | 228.9 | 1,010.1 | 1,239.0 | 601.8 | 115.7 | 300.8 | 76.6 | 100.5 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 225.6 | 978.4 | 1,204.0 | 616.9 | 115.6 | 296.5 | 66.1 | 85.8 |
| August | 225.1 | 956.2 | 1,181.3 | 619.9 | 119.5 | 282.0 | 67.1 | 85.9 |
| September .. | 227.8 | 963.9 | 1,191.7 | 630.8 | 122.9 | 261.1 | 73.3 | 97.6 |
| October | 230.4 | 979.6 | 1,210.0 | 654.6 | 124.6 | 250.7 | 63.3 | 96.1 |
| November .. | 245.9 | 1,005.0 | 1,250.9 | 664.1 | 126.1 | 250.5 | 69.0 | 100.9 |
| December (e) .. | 246.0 | 1,044.0 | 1,290.0 | 665.0 | 130.2 | 250.5 | 83.0 | 105.3 |
| January | 244.5 | 1,059.3 | 1,303.8 | 654.1 | 135.0 | 257.2 | 87.6 | 129.6 |
| February | 245.9 | 1,091.2 | 1,337.1 | 656.0 | 138.5 | 282.4 | 75.0 | 147.7 |
| March | 244.3 | 1,118.7 | 1,363.0 | 664.3 | 141.9 | 315.4 | 66.8 | 133.0 |
| April | 245.3 | 1,109.6 | 1,354.9 | 684.7 | 142.0 | 332.6 | 63.3 | 91.6 |
| May | 247.7 | 1,075.6 | 1,323.3 | 695.4 | 136.0 | 318.8 | 75.4 | 67.1 |
| June | 251.3 | 1,053.7 | 1,305.0 | 701.7 | 133.4 | 313.8 | 67.7 | 58.0 |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced by amalgamations to seven, namely Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols ... — see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS (a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period. | | | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. | | | | | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|--|------------------------|-----------|---|--|--|
| | | | Cash in Australia. | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Advances. | Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | 11.49 | 19.73 | 88.20 | 93.26 | .. | 37.93 |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | 11.79 | 18.37 | 87.15 | 93.95 | .. | 38.13 |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | 10.58 | 17.36 | 90.70 | 97.15 | .. | 37.42 |
| 1947-48 | .. | .. | 6.59 | 9.28 | (d)48.98 | (d)58.72 | 38.94 | 70.02 |
| 1948-49 | .. | .. | 6.18 | 9.03 | 47.47 | 55.39 | 41.56 | 72.79 |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | 5.71 | 8.62 | 44.35 | 53.55 | 41.40 | 75.28 |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | 5.19 | 8.41 | 41.89 | 49.69 | 43.73 | 78.35 |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 5.04 | 7.74 | 51.71 | 57.40 | 38.78 | 80.18 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 6.43 | 17.02 | 54.89 | 62.33 | 18.21 | 81.19 |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 5.59 | 13.38 | 51.63 | 61.85 | 22.36 | 81.20 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| June.. | .. | .. | 5.45 | 8.63 | 61.56 | 67.14 | 27.01 | 80.36 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | .. | 6.08 | 10.40 | 65.23 | 71.32 | 20.10 | 79.94 |
| August | .. | .. | 6.46 | 12.08 | 65.16 | 71.34 | 17.98 | 79.73 |
| September | .. | .. | 6.33 | 12.90 | 64.70 | 70.91 | 17.62 | 79.63 |
| October | .. | .. | 6.40 | 15.41 | 62.49 | 68.64 | 15.20 | 80.16 |
| November | .. | .. | 6.87 | 17.72 | 58.84 | 65.16 | 14.05 | 80.66 |
| December(e) | .. | .. | 6.86 | 18.78 | 55.58 | 62.49 | 13.64 | 81.08 |
| January | .. | .. | 7.84 | 21.31 | 52.58 | 60.37 | 14.30 | 81.34 |
| February | .. | .. | 7.32 | 22.77 | 49.56 | 57.48 | 15.88 | 82.03 |
| March | .. | .. | 6.42 | 23.00 | 46.67 | 54.62 | 17.97 | 82.63 |
| April | .. | .. | 5.58 | 19.08 | 46.16 | 54.74 | 21.51 | 82.55 |
| May.. | .. | .. | 5.23 | 15.53 | 47.72 | 56.94 | 24.02 | 82.21 |
| June.. | .. | .. | 6.19 | 14.30 | 48.57 | 57.91 | 24.27 | 81.53 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | .. | 5.49 | 12.61 | 51.23 | 60.83 | 24.62 | 81.26 |
| August | .. | .. | 5.68 | 12.95 | 52.48 | 62.60 | 23.87 | 80.94 |
| September | .. | .. | 6.15 | 14.34 | 52.93 | 63.24 | 21.91 | 80.89 |
| October | .. | .. | 5.23 | 13.17 | 54.10 | 64.39 | 20.71 | 80.95 |
| November | .. | .. | 5.52 | 13.58 | 53.08 | 63.16 | 20.02 | 80.34 |
| December (e) | .. | .. | 6.44 | 14.60 | 51.55 | 61.65 | 19.41 | 80.93 |
| January | .. | .. | 6.72 | 16.66 | 50.17 | 60.53 | 19.73 | 81.25 |
| February | .. | .. | 5.61 | 16.65 | 49.06 | 59.41 | 21.12 | 81.61 |
| March | .. | .. | 4.90 | 14.66 | 48.74 | 59.15 | 23.14 | 82.07 |
| April | .. | .. | 4.67 | 11.43 | 50.53 | 61.01 | 24.54 | 81.90 |
| May | .. | .. | 5.70 | 10.77 | 52.55 | 62.83 | 24.09 | 81.28 |
| June | .. | .. | 5.19 | 9.63 | 53.77 | 63.99 | 24.04 | 80.74 |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols ... —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),
and
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS).
 (£ million.)

| Period. | Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)(i) | | | | | | | | Commonwealth Bank—Advances.(b) | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------|---|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | Deposits. | | | Ad- vances. | Special Account with Common- wealth Bank. (c) | Coin Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. | Rural Credits Depart- ment. | Mortgage Bank Depart- ment. | Industrial Finance Department. | |
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | | | | | Hire Purchase. | Other. |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 .. | 13.9 | 43.7 | 57.6 | 23.4 | .. | 6.6 | .. | 32.1 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| 1948-49 .. | 13.2 | 51.1 | 64.3 | 31.8 | .. | 6.1 | .. | 34.1 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 7.6 | 4.8 |
| 1949-50 .. | 14.8 | 62.5 | 77.3 | 45.3 | .. | 6.2 | 2.0 | 35.4 | 13.8 | 3.5 | 12.8 | 6.3 |
| 1950-51 .. | 19.4 | 89.2 | 108.6 | 62.5 | .. | 7.2 | 24.0 | 26.9 | 13.7 | 3.8 | 14.7 | 7.6 |
| 1951-52 .. | 20.1 | 90.6 | 110.7 | 76.4 | .. | 6.6 | 26.4 | 13.3 | 19.7 | 4.1 | 15.5 | 8.7 |
| 1952-53 .. | 22.8 | 96.7 | 119.5 | (d)59.5 | 21.7 | 8.8 | (c)17.2 | (d)25.8 | 44.9 | 4.3 | 14.8 | 8.1 |
| 1953-54 .. | 35.3 | 120.9 | 156.2 | 69.2 | 34.8 | 11.0 | 23.4 | 29.9 | 43.2 | 4.5 | 16.6 | 4.7 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June .. | 19.8 | 89.3 | 109.1 | 71.2 | .. | 7.1 | 23.0 | 22.1 | 39.5 | 4.2 | 14.2 | 9.4 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 19.5 | 85.7 | 105.2 | 62.5 | 21.2 | 6.8 | (c)3.8 | 22.5 | 27.4 | 4.3 | 14.0 | 9.1 |
| August .. | 19.0 | 85.9 | 104.9 | 62.2 | 19.9 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 24.4 | 26.4 | 4.3 | 13.9 | 8.9 |
| September .. | 19.5 | 85.3 | 104.8 | 58.8 | 19.3 | 7.6 | 5.6 | 27.5 | 23.7 | 4.3 | 13.8 | 8.7 |
| October .. | 20.5 | 88.8 | 109.3 | 57.4 | 16.4 | 7.7 | 6.6 | 33.6 | 17.1 | 4.3 | 13.8 | 8.5 |
| November .. | 23.0 | 93.6 | 116.6 | 59.1 | 15.8 | 7.8 | 9.1 | 36.9 | 13.3 | 4.3 | 14.2 | 8.4 |
| December .. | 23.3 | 97.4 | 120.7 | 59.5 | 15.8 | 7.7 | 12.1 | 38.4 | 11.2 | 4.2 | 15.1 | 8.2 |
| January .. | 24.0 | 93.5 | 117.5 | 62.8 | 16.6 | 7.0 | 14.6 | 33.5 | 27.3 | 4.2 | 15.2 | 8.1 |
| February .. | 24.5 | 100.0 | 124.5 | 61.6 | 19.3 | 12.0 | 20.6 | 25.8 | 66.5 | 4.2 | 15.3 | 8.1 |
| March .. | 24.9 | 107.0 | 131.9 | 58.1 | 23.3 | 11.6 | 32.7 | 21.6 | 95.7 | 4.3 | 15.4 | 8.4 |
| April .. | 25.1 | 107.8 | 132.9 | 55.6 | 28.7 | 8.7 | 35.6 | 16.8 | 89.6 | 4.3 | 15.7 | 7.9 |
| May .. | 25.3 | 107.3 | 132.6 | 57.3 | 32.3 | 10.2 | 32.0 | 15.2 | 77.6 | 4.3 | 15.9 | 6.6 |
| June .. | 26.0 | 109.7 | 135.7 | 59.7 | 32.3 | 11.9 | 31.3 | 15.2 | 62.6 | 4.2 | 16.1 | 6.3 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 27.2 | 110.6 | 137.8 | 62.4 | 32.3 | 9.7 | 31.7 | 15.2 | 47.9 | 4.3 | 16.3 | 5.0 |
| August .. | 29.6 | 110.7 | 140.3 | 63.4 | 32.3 | 11.5 | 31.6 | 15.5 | 36.8 | 4.4 | 16.4 | 4.9 |
| September .. | 34.4 | 115.4 | 149.8 | 63.6 | 32.3 | 11.6 | 32.5 | 24.1 | 30.9 | 4.4 | 16.4 | 4.7 |
| October .. | 36.0 | 120.2 | 156.2 | 66.4 | 32.3 | 11.4 | 29.6 | 28.1 | 24.6 | 4.5 | 16.6 | 4.3 |
| November .. | 36.8 | 124.2 | 161.0 | 68.4 | 32.3 | 11.3 | 27.7 | 33.2 | 19.8 | 4.5 | 16.8 | 4.2 |
| December .. | 35.6 | 123.8 | 159.4 | 70.4 | 32.3 | 10.6 | 22.6 | 35.1 | 10.7 | 4.5 | 17.1 | 4.6 |
| January .. | 36.8 | 118.3 | 155.1 | 71.6 | 32.8 | 10.5 | 19.6 | 35.1 | 25.4 | 4.6 | 16.9 | 4.6 |
| February .. | 36.9 | 121.6 | 158.5 | 71.6 | 34.5 | 10.5 | 20.9 | 35.1 | 48.0 | 4.6 | 16.6 | 4.6 |
| March .. | 37.9 | 125.3 | 163.2 | 71.9 | 38.3 | 9.8 | 18.3 | 35.1 | 70.4 | 4.7 | 16.4 | 4.8 |
| April .. | 37.9 | 127.7 | 165.6 | 72.1 | 40.3 | 9.9 | 17.9 | 35.1 | 74.0 | 4.7 | 16.6 | 4.8 |
| May .. | 38.3 | 126.1 | 164.4 | 73.3 | 39.1 | 10.7 | 15.5 | 35.1 | 63.6 | 4.7 | 16.7 | 5.0 |
| June .. | 37.8 | 127.9 | 165.7 | 76.0 | 38.7 | 14.1 | 12.6 | 35.1 | 57.4 | 4.6 | 16.8 | 5.3 |

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in (c) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

(d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to buildings societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000.

(e) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbols ..., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

| Period. | Notes on Issue. | | | Special Accounts of Trading Banks. | Other Deposits of Trading Banks. | Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves). | Gold and Balances held Abroad. | Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills). |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | Held by Banks. | Held by Public. | Total. | | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48.. .. | 22.2 | 175.9 | 198.1 | 263.7 | 28.0 | 142.0 | 196.7 | 419.9 |
| 1948-49.. .. | 24.9 | 178.7 | 203.6 | 323.9 | 29.8 | 174.6 | 336.2 | 356.3 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 27.9 | 194.3 | 222.2 | 379.6 | 30.7 | 200.3 | 434.0 | 349.0 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 32.7 | 219.1 | 251.8 | 503.2 | 34.7 | 238.2 | 596.3 | 366.6 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 38.1 | 255.5 | 293.6 | 468.8 | 31.1 | 270.9 | 470.6 | 503.1 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 36.9 | 281.3 | 318.2 | 212.9 | 45.4 | 287.4 | 363.6 | 434.8 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 38.5 | 299.7 | 338.2 | 306.8 | 41.7 | 283.4 | 512.6 | 408.0 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 36.3 | 266.1 | 302.4 | 216.9 | 34.9 | 266.9 | 288.5 | 460.9 |
| August | 36.3 | 269.5 | 305.8 | 191.8 | 38.2 | 267.5 | 291.0 | 457.3 |
| September .. | 36.0 | 273.0 | 309.0 | 187.0 | 36.3 | 278.5 | 301.3 | 463.8 |
| October | 35.8 | 276.5 | 312.3 | 164.9 | 38.9 | 278.5 | 299.5 | 455.1 |
| November .. | 35.9 | 279.4 | 315.3 | 157.6 | 46.9 | 277.8 | 320.9 | 444.2 |
| December (b) .. | 40.5 | 287.9 | 328.4 | 157.6 | 44.9 | 279.2 | 338.6 | 439.1 |
| January | 40.8 | 283.1 | 323.9 | 168.6 | 59.1 | 280.3 | 366.6 | 418.9 |
| February | 36.3 | 283.0 | 319.3 | 194.7 | 62.0 | 288.0 | 393.2 | 388.6 |
| March | 35.8 | 286.2 | 322.0 | 229.7 | 56.5 | 293.3 | 412.0 | 377.9 |
| April | 37.0 | 292.0 | 329.0 | 277.1 | 44.5 | 305.3 | 433.0 | 420.1 |
| May | 36.1 | 289.8 | 325.9 | 301.9 | 38.7 | 313.4 | 455.9 | 435.0 |
| June | 36.1 | 291.9 | 328.0 | 301.9 | 49.0 | 322.6 | 479.9 | 448.4 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 35.7 | 293.5 | 329.2 | 297.6 | 39.8 | 319.1 | 489.5 | 439.4 |
| August | 36.0 | 295.9 | 331.9 | 282.7 | 40.2 | 304.1 | 495.5 | 420.7 |
| September .. | 36.5 | 296.0 | 332.5 | 262.2 | 42.3 | 306.0 | 490.7 | 409.8 |
| October | 37.3 | 295.8 | 333.1 | 251.7 | 30.9 | 295.1 | 486.1 | 393.8 |
| November .. | 37.7 | 296.7 | 334.4 | 251.5 | 36.0 | 315.2 | 490.4 | 419.3 |
| December (b) .. | 43.2 | 303.7 | 346.9 | (c) 275.7 | 49.0 | 287.8 | 511.8 | 432.0 |
| January | 42.5 | 297.8 | 340.3 | 291.0 | 55.5 | 264.5 | 520.2 | 403.3 |
| February | 38.5 | 298.9 | 337.4 | 317.9 | 46.1 | 262.5 | 530.1 | 382.2 |
| March | 38.5 | 301.2 | 339.7 | 354.9 | 37.8 | 258.4 | 539.6 | 375.1 |
| April | 39.4 | 307.3 | 346.7 | 373.9 | 33.5 | 253.9 | 539.0 | 389.4 |
| May | 39.7 | 304.3 | 344.0 | 358.9 | 47.0 | 263.1 | 540.0 | 404.3 |
| June | 38.7 | 305.8 | 344.5 | 353.5 | 43.5 | 266.9 | 520.9 | 422.6 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | |
| July | | | 346.0 | 348.1 | 36.7 | 250.1 | 478.5 | 445.0 |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays in period.

(b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

(c) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities".

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

| Period | Deposits. | | | Advances. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 (c) | 221.2 | 527.8 | 749.0 | 384.7 | 54.2 | 19.2 | 108.3 |
| 1948-49 | 231.8 | 634.6 | 866.4 | 440.2 | 58.3 | 24.0 | 109.3 |
| 1949-50 | 249.3 | 771.2 | 1,020.5 | 495.4 | 62.2 | 29.5 | 132.3 |
| 1950-51 | 279.6 | 1,017.6 | 1,297.2 | 598.4 | 71.4 | 64.0 | 129.5 |
| 1951-52 | 271.7 | 1,091.5 | 1,363.2 | 759.7 | 72.3 | 61.7 | 96.6 |
| 1952-53 | 256.8 | 1,076.3 | 1,333.1 | (d)762.3 | (e)88.2 | (e)144.2 | (d)126.2 |
| 1953-54 | 290.4 | 1,196.0 | 1,486.4 | 793.7 | 87.3 | 130.1 | 174.2 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | |
| June | 255.9 | 1,026.3 | 1,282.2 | 827.9 | 72.0 | 59.4 | 99.4 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | |
| July | 249.5 | 975.2 | 1,224.7 | 827.7 | (e)75.1 | (e)50.5 | 102.4 |
| August | 249.4 | 962.4 | 1,211.8 | 817.6 | 78.2 | 64.3 | 104.6 |
| September | 250.3 | 955.1 | 1,205.4 | 806.1 | 77.0 | 75.1 | 107.8 |
| October | 250.9 | 983.0 | 1,233.9 | 797.1 | 79.6 | 104.0 | 114.4 |
| November | 253.7 | 1,024.6 | 1,278.3 | 781.3 | 87.6 | 130.3 | 121.0 |
| December (f) | 255.2 | 1,060.9 | 1,316.1 | 763.5 | 89.6 | 149.6 | 131.0 |
| January | 257.5 | 1,083.3 | 1,340.8 | 742.9 | 104.1 | 175.5 | 138.1 |
| February | 258.4 | 1,141.0 | 1,399.4 | 729.3 | 107.2 | 216.4 | 135.8 |
| March | 261.3 | 1,201.2 | 1,462.5 | 715.9 | 100.6 | 253.1 | 136.1 |
| April | 264.2 | 1,209.0 | 1,473.2 | 711.3 | 87.5 | 218.2 | r140.3 |
| May | 263.0 | 1,176.5 | 1,439.5 | 718.0 | 81.9 | 169.7 | 144.2 |
| June | 269.7 | 1,158.3 | 1,428.0 | 724.8 | 94.3 | 138.7 | r144.4 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | |
| July | 267.7 | 1,125.7 | 1,393.4 | 743.2 | 81.6 | 122.0 | r144.3 |
| August | 269.5 | 1,102.2 | 1,371.7 | 747.1 | 83.8 | 121.7 | r148.5 |
| September | 277.0 | 1,114.1 | 1,391.1 | 759.5 | 89.3 | 134.1 | r160.7 |
| October | 281.0 | 1,134.0 | 1,415.0 | 787.7 | 78.8 | 129.1 | r166.7 |
| November | 297.3 | 1,164.5 | 1,461.8 | 799.8 | 84.9 | 132.4 | r173.2 |
| December (f) | 296.6 | 1,205.4 | 1,502.0 | 802.2 | 98.8 | 132.5 | r179.3 |
| January | 296.6 | 1,218.4 | 1,515.0 | 791.5 | 103.9 | 156.9 | r184.1 |
| February | 298.4 | 1,255.7 | 1,554.1 | 793.5 | 91.2 | 179.0 | r187.6 |
| March | 298.3 | 1,288.1 | 1,586.4 | 802.5 | 82.2 | 163.6 | r191.2 |
| April | 299.2 | 1,281.0 | 1,580.2 | 823.2 | 77.9 | 121.4 | r191.3 |
| May | 301.8 | 1,245.3 | 1,547.1 | 835.4 | 90.7 | 93.7 | r185.3 |
| June | 305.2 | 1,225.3 | 1,530.5 | 845.2 | 87.1 | 80.1 | 182.6 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 48. (c) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales replaced the Rural Bank Department of that Bank. (d) See note (d), page 48. (e) See note (e), page 48. (f) See note (f), page 46.

For meaning of symbols —, r, see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1947-48 (b) .. | (c)69.4 | 61.2 | 19.9 | 12.7 | 8.7 | 3.9 | 0.1 | (c)175.9 |
| 1948-49.. .. | 83.1 | 74.3 | 24.3 | 15.5 | 10.7 | 4.7 | 0.2 | 212.8 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 104.9 | 97.8 | 29.5 | 19.3 | 13.7 | 5.6 | 0.3 | 271.1 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 145.1 | 134.9 | 39.0 | 26.8 | 19.3 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 372.9 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 156.6 | 142.3 | 41.5 | 30.8 | 21.8 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 402.4 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 151.9 | 132.0 | 43.8 | 30.1 | 22.1 | 8.8 | 0.6 | 389.3 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 171.7 | 154.9 | 51.0 | 32.8 | 25.4 | 9.9 | 0.8 | 446.5 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | |
| June | 158.4 | 135.4 | 44.6 | 30.7 | 20.5 | 9.6 | 0.5 | 399.7 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 149.0 | 129.2 | 44.4 | 31.1 | 20.5 | 9.4 | 0.6 | 384.2 |
| August | 130.1 | 116.5 | 38.5 | 26.3 | 19.3 | 8.1 | 0.5 | 339.3 |
| September .. | 143.0 | 116.3 | 41.1 | 26.2 | 17.9 | 8.2 | 0.5 | 353.2 |
| October | 152.7 | 122.1 | 43.9 | 28.0 | 21.2 | 8.1 | 0.5 | 376.5 |
| November .. | 159.8 | 136.2 | 45.1 | 29.1 | 23.0 | 8.0 | 0.5 | 401.7 |
| December .. | 173.8 | 146.4 | 47.8 | 30.5 | 24.0 | 9.7 | 0.6 | 432.8 |
| January | 124.6 | 118.4 | 36.3 | 25.9 | 24.3 | 6.6 | 0.7 | 336.8 |
| February .. | 156.1 | 137.0 | 41.8 | 34.0 | 24.9 | 8.6 | 0.5 | 402.9 |
| March | 162.4 | 141.0 | 45.5 | 32.3 | 23.2 | 9.8 | 0.5 | 414.7 |
| April | 149.6 | 142.6 | 44.7 | 32.2 | 22.7 | 9.5 | 0.8 | 402.1 |
| May | 157.4 | 139.2 | 44.5 | 33.3 | 23.1 | 10.3 | 0.6 | 408.4 |
| June | 160.3 | 136.3 | 50.8 | 31.4 | 20.8 | 9.6 | 0.6 | 409.8 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| July | 163.6 | 138.0 | 52.5 | 31.5 | 22.9 | 9.7 | 0.6 | 418.8 |
| August | 145.6 | 124.7 | 46.0 | 27.1 | 20.4 | 8.7 | 0.5 | 373.0 |
| September .. | 167.7 | 131.2 | 50.7 | 30.5 | 23.3 | 9.3 | 1.1 | 413.8 |
| October | 168.3 | 140.6 | 51.5 | 31.0 | 24.1 | 9.1 | 0.9 | 425.5 |
| November .. | 173.0 | 146.9 | 52.0 | 31.0 | 25.8 | 9.2 | 0.7 | 438.6 |
| December .. | 187.1 | 174.6 | 55.7 | 35.4 | 29.8 | 10.4 | 0.7 | 493.7 |
| January | 151.9 | 146.3 | 43.4 | 28.5 | 25.9 | 8.1 | 1.0 | 405.1 |
| February .. | 164.8 | 156.5 | 47.8 | 34.4 | 25.6 | 9.0 | 0.6 | 438.7 |
| March | 184.7 | 180.4 | 48.4 | 36.3 | 26.8 | 12.0 | 0.7 | 489.3 |
| April | 166.2 | 165.1 | 47.8 | 33.6 | 25.8 | 10.3 | 1.0 | 449.8 |
| May | 183.0 | 177.3 | 54.4 | 36.4 | 26.9 | 11.8 | 0.8 | 490.6 |
| June | 194.9 | 171.7 | 59.3 | 36.2 | 26.1 | 11.1 | 0.7 | 500.0 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition the banks included in series on page 50, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948. (c) See note (c) on previous page.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. | | | | | | | | | War Savings and Savings Certificates—Net Amount Outstanding. |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--|
| | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. | |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0 | 75.7 | 27.3 | 26.5 | 11.8 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 230.9 | .. |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0 | 78.9 | 28.2 | 27.2 | 12.0 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 240.4 | .. |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5 | 80.5 | 29.0 | 27.4 | 12.4 | 8.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 245.6 | .. |
| 1947-48 .. | 237.0 | 226.4 | 84.8 | 73.6 | 36.2 | 21.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 681.3 | 64.5 |
| 1948-49 .. | 244.5 | 239.3 | 87.4 | 81.2 | 37.5 | 22.4 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 714.2 | 62.2 |
| 1949-50 .. | 258.9 | 257.1 | 92.2 | 87.7 | 39.6 | 24.3 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 762.1 | 55.0 |
| 1950-51 .. | 284.5 | 281.8 | 98.8 | 97.8 | 44.7 | 27.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 837.4 | 48.1 |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5 | 300.8 | 102.7 | 103.7 | 47.2 | 30.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 891.9 | 41.8 |
| 1952-53 .. | 319.1 | 320.0 | 109.4 | 113.9 | 49.8 | 32.1 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 947.5 | 35.6 |
| 1953-54 .. | 339.8 | 339.8 | 117.4 | 122.9 | 52.6 | 34.0 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1,010.1 | 30.3 |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | | |
| June .. | 304.5 | 300.8 | 102.7 | 103.7 | 47.2 | 30.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | (a) 891.9 | 41.8 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 307.1 | 303.5 | 103.5 | 105.0 | 47.7 | 30.3 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 900.1 | 41.3 |
| August .. | 308.5 | 305.1 | 104.1 | 105.7 | 48.0 | 30.6 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 905.0 | 40.7 |
| September | 310.0 | 306.8 | 105.0 | 106.0 | 48.4 | 30.7 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 910.0 | 40.1 |
| October | 312.8 | 308.9 | 106.5 | 107.1 | 48.7 | 30.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 918.0 | 39.5 |
| November | 312.2 | 308.9 | 106.4 | 107.1 | 48.9 | 30.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 917.5 | 38.9 |
| December | 312.3 | 309.4 | 106.9 | 107.2 | 48.6 | 30.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 918.4 | 38.4 |
| January | 311.9 | 309.8 | 106.1 | 107.7 | 48.5 | 31.0 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 918.1 | 37.9 |
| February | 312.7 | 311.0 | 106.1 | 109.1 | 48.4 | 31.3 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 921.7 | 37.4 |
| March .. | 313.8 | 311.6 | 106.4 | 110.1 | 48.6 | 31.3 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 925.0 | 37.0 |
| April .. | 313.3 | 311.8 | 106.5 | 110.4 | 48.6 | 31.5 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 925.3 | 36.5 |
| May .. | 312.7 | 312.8 | 106.7 | 110.8 | 48.6 | 31.6 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 926.4 | 36.1 |
| June .. | 319.1 | 320.0 | 109.4 | 113.9 | 49.8 | 32.1 | 1.1 | 2.1 | (a) 947.5 | 35.6 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 320.4 | 321.5 | 110.3 | 115.0 | 50.0 | 32.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 952.9 | 35.1 |
| August .. | 322.6 | 322.9 | 111.7 | 115.6 | 50.4 | 32.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 959.5 | 34.5 |
| September | 325.2 | 324.9 | 112.8 | 116.3 | 51.0 | 33.1 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 966.8 | 34.0 |
| October | 325.8 | 325.5 | 113.0 | 116.7 | 51.1 | 32.9 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 968.6 | 33.6 |
| November | 326.2 | 325.9 | 113.4 | 117.2 | 51.3 | 33.0 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 970.6 | 33.0 |
| December | 327.7 | 327.0 | 114.0 | 117.3 | 51.4 | 32.8 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 973.7 | 32.6 |
| January | 329.4 | 327.8 | 113.7 | 117.9 | 51.3 | 32.9 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 976.5 | 32.1 |
| February | 332.4 | 329.4 | 114.4 | 119.1 | 51.4 | 33.3 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 983.5 | 31.7 |
| March .. | 331.3 | 329.0 | 114.3 | 119.1 | 51.1 | 33.3 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 981.6 | 31.3 |
| April .. | 332.3 | 330.0 | 114.3 | 119.4 | 51.3 | 33.4 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 984.2 | 30.9 |
| May .. | 333.3 | 332.6 | 114.9 | 120.2 | 51.7 | 33.6 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 989.8 | 30.6 |
| June .. | 339.8 | 339.8 | 117.4 | 122.9 | 52.6 | 34.0 | 1.3 | 2.3 | a 1,010.1 | 30.3 |

(a) Interest added 1951-52, £14.1m.; 1952-53, £16.6m.; 1953-54, £17.8m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

For meaning of symbols .., see page 1.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period. | New Policies Issued.(b) | | | | Premiums (c) | | Claims, &c., Paid.(d) | | New Loans Granted. (e) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Ordinary Department. | | Industrial Department. | | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | |
| | Number. | Sum Assured. | Number. | Sum Assured. | | | | | |
| | | £'000. | | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000 |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1937 | 12,296 | 4,120 | 36,148 | 1,684 | 1,045 | 474 | 747 | 223 | n.a. |
| 1938 | 11,470 | 3,867 | 32,757 | 1,530 | 1,075 | 617 | 781 | 246 | n.a. |
| 1939 | 11,293 | 3,886 | 32,125 | 1,545 | 1,144 | 541 | 835 | 303 | n.a. |
| 1947(a) | 19,808 | 9,549 | 26,271 | 2,316 | 2,113 | 889 | 1,052 | 456 | n.a. |
| 1947-48 (a) .. | 20,171 | 10,077 | 26,915 | 2,492 | 2,258 | 910 | 1,044 | 471 | 1,057 |
| 1948-49 | 20,201 | 10,618 | 25,254 | 2,458 | 2,539 | 967 | 1,112 | 497 | 1,476 |
| 1949-50 | 20,538 | 12,243 | 24,999 | 2,509 | 2,877 | 1,003 | 1,224 | 512 | 2,778 |
| 1950-51 | 21,642 | 15,206 | 22,713 | 2,423 | 3,210 | 1,043 | 1,310 | 491 | 3,893 |
| 1951-52 | 23,607 | 18,464 | 23,216 | 2,817 | 3,651 | 1,102 | 1,441 | 546 | 3,963 |
| 1952-53 | 23,643 | 18,828 | 22,853 | 2,946 | 4,186 | 1,147 | 1,576 | 619 | 3,011 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52— | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 25,022 | 19,926 | 25,619 | 3,209 | 3,876 | 1,155 | 1,518 | 622 | 4,066 |
| June | 24,842 | 19,567 | 27,118 | 3,389 | 4,643 | 1,140 | 1,525 | 616 | 3,233 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 24,927 | 20,402 | 23,088 | 2,887 | 4,491 | 1,163 | 1,708 | 644 | 3,411 |
| August | 27,852 | 19,677 | 22,094 | 2,777 | 3,841 | 1,088 | 1,617 | 665 | 2,749 |
| September .. | 30,549 | 22,831 | 32,793 | 4,234 | 4,407 | 1,271 | 1,747 | 635 | 2,642 |
| October | 22,619 | 18,636 | 22,667 | 2,887 | 4,109 | 1,180 | 1,690 | 642 | 2,854 |
| November .. | 24,219 | 19,095 | 22,903 | 2,994 | 3,683 | 1,186 | 1,486 | 616 | 3,421 |
| December .. | 26,309 | 25,369 | 18,857 | 2,538 | 4,667 | 1,247 | 1,591 | 595 | 4,119 |
| January | 14,661 | 10,942 | 8,151 | 1,023 | 3,661 | 806 | 1,164 | 466 | 2,252 |
| February .. | 17,487 | 13,800 | 21,985 | 2,767 | 3,472 | 1,117 | 1,398 | 593 | 2,355 |
| March | 22,475 | 17,309 | 28,501 | 3,710 | 4,139 | 1,256 | 1,685 | 665 | 2,460 |
| April | 22,292 | 17,334 | 22,457 | 2,949 | 4,220 | 1,133 | 1,566 | 565 | 3,591 |
| May | 24,658 | 19,407 | 25,189 | 3,256 | 4,000 | 1,097 | 1,528 | 649 | 2,823 |
| June | 25,670 | 21,142 | 25,547 | 3,325 | 5,547 | 1,217 | 1,731 | 691 | 3,459 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 28,463 | 25,048 | 21,041 | 2,735 | 5,072 | 1,231 | 1,960 | 734 | 3,195 |
| August | 25,421 | 20,410 | 24,732 | 3,370 | 4,259 | 1,215 | 1,763 | 706 | 2,784 |
| September .. | 30,989 | 25,884 | 26,340 | 3,597 | 4,688 | 1,167 | 1,870 | 671 | 3,286 |
| October | 22,489 | 18,688 | 19,267 | 2,588 | 4,255 | 1,215 | 1,765 | 702 | 2,821 |
| November .. | 23,518 | 19,026 | 22,702 | 3,030 | 4,263 | 1,208 | 1,610 | 671 | 2,190 |
| December .. | 29,903 | 35,870 | 13,792 | 1,932 | 5,428 | 1,344 | 1,948 | 614 | 3,091 |
| January | r13,604 | r10,818 | 6,904 | 896 | 3,771 | 640 | 1,327 | 501 | 2,017 |
| February .. | r16,169 | r13,397 | 17,919 | 2,412 | 3,812 | 1,282 | 1,493 | 611 | 1,880 |
| March | r21,794 | r18,880 | 24,477 | 3,386 | 4,926 | 1,274 | 2,012 | 735 | 3,535 |
| April | r21,324 | r20,967 | 18,942 | 2,664 | 4,433 | 1,122 | 1,579 | 643 | 3,233 |
| May | 25,064 | 21,380 | 22,500 | 3,121 | 5,183 | 1,178 | 1,840 | 744 | 3,013 |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period. | Exchange Rates.(a) | | | Gold Prices.(a) | | Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. | | Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales—Urban Securities. |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| | Australia on London.(b) | London on New York. (b) | Australia on New York. (c) | Australia. | London. | Short Dated 2 years.(d) | Long Dated 12 years.(d) | |
| | £A. per £100 Stg. | \$ per £Stg. | \$ per £A. | £A. per fine oz. | £Stg. per fine oz. | Per cent. | Per cent. | Per cent. (e) |
| 1936-37 .. | 125.25 | 4.939 | 3.929 | 8.761 | 7.041 | (f) 3.57 | (g) 3.94 | 5.3 |
| 1937-38 .. | 125.25 | 4.980 | 3.961 | 8.690 | 7.001 | (f) 3.30 | (g) 3.71 | 5.4 |
| 1938-39 .. | 125.25 | 4.738 | 3.759 | 9.137 | 7.340 | (f) 3.67 | (g) 3.84 | 5.5 |
| 1947-48 .. | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.200 | 10.763 | 8.613 | 2.34 | 3.16 | 4.4 |
| 1948-49 .. | 125.25 | 4.030 | 3.204 | 10.763 | 8.613 | 2.07 | 3.12 | 4.4 |
| 1949-50 .. | 125.25 | 3.074 | 2.445 | 14.443 | 11.557 | 1.95 | 3.13 | 4.4 |
| 1950-51 .. | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 1.99 | 3.21 | 4.4 |
| 1951-52 .. | 125.25 | 2.796 | 2.224 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.05 | 3.95 | 4.4 |
| 1952-53 .. | 125.25 | 2.804 | 2.231 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.03 | 4.54 | 4.7 |
| 1953-54 .. | 125.25 | 2.813 | 2.238 | 15.514 | 12.411 | 3.10 | 4.44 | 4.9 |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 125.25 | 2.788 | 2.218 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.40 | 4.51 | 4.5 |
| August .. | 125.25 | 2.789 | 2.218 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.58 | 4.49 | 4.5 |
| September .. | 125.25 | 2.783 | 2.214 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.94 | 4.61 | 4.5 |
| October .. | 125.25 | 2.793 | 2.222 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.05 | 4.68 | 4.6 |
| November .. | 125.25 | 2.801 | 2.229 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.15 | 4.62 | 4.7 |
| December .. | 125.25 | 2.806 | 2.233 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.23 | 4.53 | 4.7 |
| January .. | 125.25 | 2.813 | 2.238 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.15 | 4.46 | 4.8 |
| February .. | 125.25 | 2.819 | 2.243 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.16 | 4.53 | 4.8 |
| March .. | 125.25 | 2.816 | 2.241 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.20 | 4.57 | 4.8 |
| April .. | 125.25 | 2.817 | 2.241 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.17 | 4.51 | 4.8 |
| May .. | 125.25 | 2.815 | 2.240 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.17 | 4.54 | 4.9 |
| June .. | 125.25 | 2.814 | 2.239 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.16 | 4.48 | 4.9 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 125.25 | 2.816 | 2.240 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.03 | 4.47 | 4.9 |
| August .. | 125.25 | 2.815 | 2.240 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.95 | 4.47 | 4.9 |
| September .. | 125.25 | 2.803 | 2.231 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.96 | 4.42 | 4.9 |
| October .. | 125.25 | 2.806 | 2.233 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.99 | 4.43 | 4.9 |
| November .. | 125.25 | 2.811 | 2.237 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.97 | 4.42 | 4.9 |
| December .. | 125.25 | 2.811 | 2.236 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.98 | 4.43 | 4.9 |
| January .. | 125.25 | 2.812 | 2.237 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.03 | 4.40 | 4.9 |
| February .. | 125.25 | 2.813 | 2.239 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.08 | 4.40 | 4.9 |
| March .. | 125.25 | 2.815 | 2.240 | 15.492 | 12.407 | 3.17 | 4.47 | 4.9 |
| April .. | 125.25 | 2.818 | 2.243 | 15.492 | 12.437 | 3.24 | 4.46 | 5.0 |
| May .. | 125.25 | 2.819 | 2.243 | 15.625 | 12.445 | 3.34 | 4.47 | 5.0 |
| June .. | 125.25 | 2.818 | 2.243 | 15.625 | 12.444 | 3.42 | 4.40 | 5.0 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 125.25 | 2.818 | 2.242 | 15.625 | 12.449 | 3.54 | 4.47 | |

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

| Date of Change in Rate. | Trading Banks— | | | | | | Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate). | Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). | Common-wealth Loans (Long Term). |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Fixed Deposits— | | | | Overdrafts. | | | | |
| | 3 months. | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a) | Private Trading Banks. | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|---------|------|---------|------|------|------|
| 1936—24th March .. | 2.00 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 4.25 | } (b) { | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.75 |
| 1937—27th April .. | 2.00 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.88 |
| 30th November .. | 2.00 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.75 |
| 1938—9th November .. | 2.00 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.88 |
| 1940—24th January.. | 1.75 | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.88 |
| 1st March .. | 1.75 | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 4.25 | } (c) { | 2.00 | 1.75 | 3.63 |
| 28th May .. | 1.50 | 2.00 | 2.25 | 2.50 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.25 |
| 1941—22nd Sept. .. | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 2.25 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.25 |
| 1942—14th March .. | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 4.25 | | 5.00 | 2.00 | 3.25 |
| 1943—1st May .. | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 4.25 | 5.00 | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.25 |
| 1944—17th January.. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 4.25 | 5.00 | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.25 |
| 11th August .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.25 |
| 1945—1st March .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.25 |
| 1st December .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (d)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.25 |
| 1946—20th November .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (d)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.13 |
| 1947—1st January .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (d)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.13 |
| 1949—1st May .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (d)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 3.13 |
| 1951—21st August .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (d)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 3.75 |
| 1952—29th July .. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | (e)1.75 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 3.75 |
| 25th November .. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | (e)1.75 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 4.50 |

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (c) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Government Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower. (d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

| Date. | Common-wealth. | States. | Total. | Date. | Common-wealth. | States. | Total. |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 30th June— | | | | 28th Feb. .. | 285,000 | 8,078 | 293,078 |
| 1937 .. | .. | 46,408 | 46,408 | 31st March .. | 305,000 | 8,078 | 313,078 |
| 1938 .. | .. | 46,598 | 46,598 | 30th April .. | 280,000 | 6,973 | 286,973 |
| 1939 .. | .. | 50,228 | 50,228 | 31st May .. | 230,000 | 6,041 | 236,041 |
| | | | | 30th June .. | 225,000 | .. | 225,000 |
| 1948 .. | 208,280 | .. | 208,280 | 1953-54— | | | |
| 1949 .. | 123,280 | .. | 123,280 | 31st July .. | 205,000 | 1,000 | 206,000 |
| 1950 .. | 108,280 | .. | 108,280 | 31st Aug. .. | 195,000 | 1,000 | 196,000 |
| 1951 .. | 108,280 | 2,400 | 110,680 | 30th Sept. .. | 205,000 | 1,000 | 206,000 |
| 1952 .. | 153,280 | .. | 153,280 | 31st Oct. .. | 190,000 | 1,000 | 191,000 |
| 1953 .. | 225,000 | .. | 225,000 | 30th Nov. .. | 235,000 | 1,000 | 236,000 |
| 1954 .. | 190,000 | .. | 190,000 | 31st Dec. .. | 245,000 | 1,000 | 246,000 |
| 1952-53— | | | | 31st Jan. .. | 245,000 | 1,000 | 246,000 |
| 31st July .. | 128,280 | 1,190 | 129,470 | 28th Feb. .. | 250,000 | 1,000 | 251,000 |
| 31st Aug. .. | 153,280 | 4,122 | 157,402 | 31st March .. | 205,000 | 1,000 | 206,000 |
| 30th Sept. .. | 178,280 | 5,163 | 183,443 | 30th April .. | 185,000 | .. | 185,000 |
| 31st Oct. .. | 213,280 | 8,378 | 221,658 | 31st May .. | 190,000 | .. | 190,000 |
| 30th Nov. .. | 238,280 | 8,378 | 246,658 | 30th June .. | 190,000 | .. | 190,000 |
| 31st Dec. .. | 263,280 | 8,378 | 271,658 | 1954-55— | | | |
| 31st Jan. .. | 268,280 | 8,078 | 276,358 | 31st July .. | 155,000 | .. | 155,000 |

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.
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COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE. (a)

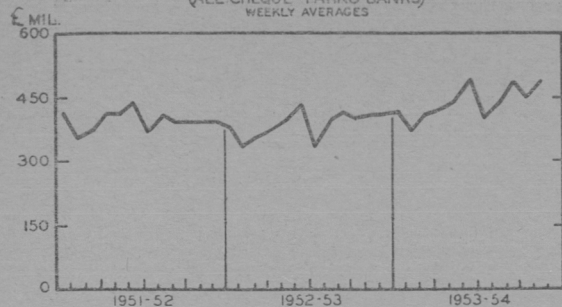
(£ million.)

| Period. | New South Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queens- land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six States. | Common- wealth. | Grand Total.(a) |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| REVENUE. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 49.2 | 27.2 | 16.5 | 11.7 | 10.2 | 3.5 | 118.3 | 82.8 | 191.1 |
| 1937-38 | 53.6 | 27.6 | 17.3 | 12.5 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 125.4 | 89.5 | 204.8 |
| 1938-39 | 51.1 | 27.0 | 19.3 | 12.3 | 11.0 | 3.6 | 124.3 | 95.1 | 209.6 |
| 1947-48 | 86.1 | 41.7 | 26.8 | 18.9 | 17.7 | 4.8 | 196.0 | 465.9 | 601.3 |
| 1948-49 | 96.1 | 46.8 | 33.0 | 21.8 | 20.6 | 5.7 | 224.0 | 554.4 | 706.6 |
| 1949-50 | 106.5 | 55.6 | 37.1 | 26.3 | 26.0 | 7.1 | 258.6 | 580.7 | 746.6 |
| 1950-51 | 128.3 | 63.5 | 44.7 | 31.1 | 29.0 | 7.8 | 304.4 | 841.8 | 1,032.0 |
| 1951-52 | 167.1 | 81.7 | 55.7 | 37.5 | 34.0 | 10.5 | 386.5 | 1,016.8 | 1,260.1 |
| 1952-53 | 180.9 | 97.0 | 63.2 | 44.2 | 38.7 | 12.1 | 436.1 | 1,040.1 | 1,310.7 |
| 1953-54 (Estimate) .. | 182.6 | 104.8 | 67.5 | 47.4 | 43.4 | 13.3 | 459.0 | 986.8 | 1,275.3 |
| 1952-53—July to— | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 99.0 | 46.1 | 33.9 | 23.2 | 20.1 | 6.1 | 228.4 | 479.2 | 627.2 |
| February | 113.4 | 52.8 | 38.1 | 26.8 | 23.1 | 6.9 | 261.1 | 582.3 | 751.5 |
| March | 127.2 | 60.4 | 43.4 | 30.4 | 26.5 | 8.0 | 295.9 | 663.7 | 856.2 |
| April | 144.5 | 69.8 | 49.8 | 34.6 | 30.3 | 9.1 | 338.1 | 777.6 | 991.5 |
| May | 161.9 | 79.4 | 55.9 | 38.7 | 34.1 | 10.2 | 380.2 | 904.0 | 1,139.6 |
| June | 180.9 | 97.0 | 63.2 | 44.2 | 38.7 | 12.1 | 436.1 | 1,040.1 | 1,310.7 |
| 1953-54—July to— | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 98.5 | 50.8 | 38.1 | 25.1 | 23.0 | 6.5 | 242.0 | 472.4 | 631.4 |
| February | 112.8 | 58.2 | 42.3 | 28.8 | 26.1 | 7.3 | 275.5 | 535.8 | 716.6 |
| March | 127.8 | 67.3 | 47.6 | 32.9 | 29.9 | 8.6 | 314.1 | 638.6 | 846.1 |
| April | 145.2 | 77.1 | 54.8 | 37.3 | 34.1 | 9.9 | 358.4 | 765.2 | 995.8 |
| May | 163.7 | 88.4 | 61.4 | 41.8 | 38.2 | 11.2 | 404.7 | 88.36 | 1,139.2 |
| June p | 186.8 | | 69.7 | 48.4 | 43.6 | | | 1,022.8 | |
| EXPENDITURE. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 49.2 | 27.2 | 16.8 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 3.4 | 118.8 | 81.5 | 190.3 |
| 1937-38 | 53.5 | 27.6 | 17.6 | 12.4 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 125.5 | 86.0 | 201.4 |
| 1938-39 | 53.6 | 27.8 | 19.3 | 12.7 | 11.2 | 3.6 | 128.2 | 94.4 | 212.8 |
| 1947-48 | 86.2 | 42.3 | 26.9 | 19.1 | 18.1 | 5.1 | 197.7 | 464.5 | 601.6 |
| 1948-49 | 95.9 | 48.2 | 32.9 | 22.1 | 21.4 | 5.9 | 226.4 | 554.4 | 709.0 |
| 1949-50 | 107.7 | 55.8 | 37.1 | 26.6 | 26.0 | 7.3 | 260.5 | 580.7 | 748.4 |
| 1950-51 | 128.3 | 63.9 | 44.6 | 30.8 | 28.8 | 8.1 | 304.5 | 841.8 | 1,032.0 |
| 1951-52 | 167.0 | 84.1 | 55.7 | 37.5 | 34.5 | 10.9 | 389.7 | 1,016.8 | 1,263.3 |
| 1952-53 | 180.8 | 97.4 | 63.0 | 44.2 | 39.2 | 11.8 | 436.4 | 1,026.7 | 1,297.6 |
| 1953-54 (Estimate) .. | 183.6 | 104.8 | 67.5 | 47.3 | 43.6 | 13.6 | 460.4 | 986.5 | 1,276.5 |
| 1952-53—July to— | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 102.2 | 54.3 | 35.3 | 24.3 | 21.8 | 6.4 | 244.3 | 526.3 | 690.2 |
| February | 115.6 | 61.6 | 40.0 | 28.2 | 25.0 | 7.4 | 277.8 | 636.9 | 822.6 |
| March | 129.7 | 70.0 | 45.6 | 31.7 | 28.4 | 8.5 | 313.9 | 724.8 | 935.3 |
| April | 145.7 | 77.6 | 50.8 | 35.5 | 31.9 | 9.6 | 351.1 | 823.3 | 1,050.3 |
| May | 159.6 | 85.5 | 55.9 | 38.7 | 35.3 | 10.5 | 385.5 | 911.0 | 1,151.9 |
| June | 180.8 | 97.4 | 63.0 | 44.2 | 39.2 | 11.8 | 436.4 | 1,026.7 | 1,297.6 |
| 1953-54—July to— | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 100.5 | 56.4 | 37.7 | 25.5 | 25.0 | 7.1 | 252.2 | 504.3 | 673.6 |
| February | 115.3 | 63.9 | 43.1 | 29.2 | 28.3 | 8.0 | 287.8 | 570.5 | 763.6 |
| March | 131.0 | 73.3 | 49.4 | 33.5 | 31.9 | 9.5 | 328.6 | 656.9 | 879.0 |
| April | 147.6 | 82.5 | 54.9 | 37.5 | 35.6 | 10.6 | 368.7 | 753.8 | 994.7 |
| May | 164.0 | 90.7 | 60.9 | 41.1 | 39.2 | 11.9 | 407.8 | 852.0 | 1,110.7 |
| June p | 186.7 | | 69.3 | 46.6 | 43.7 | | 407.8 | 966.5 | |

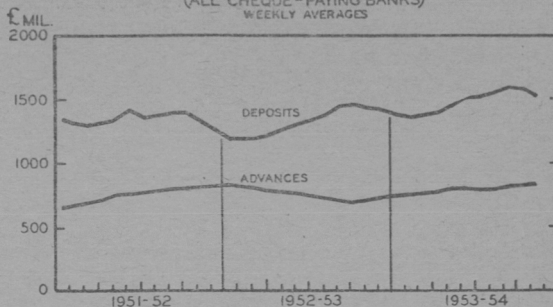
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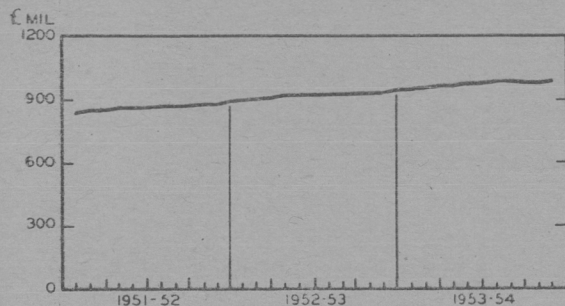
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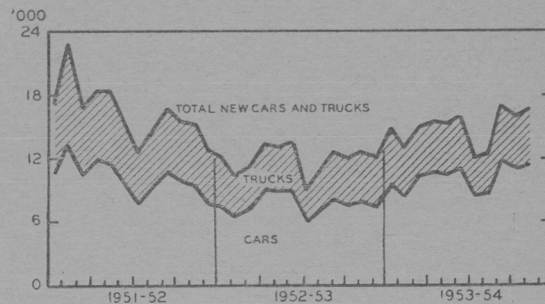
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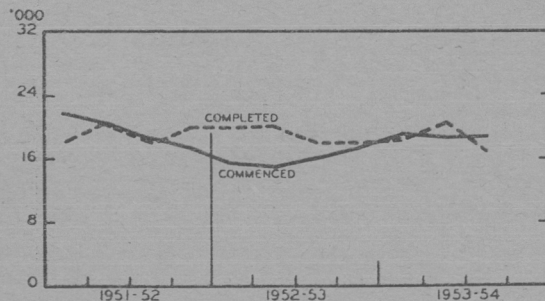
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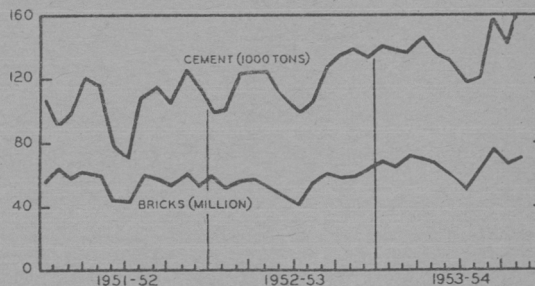
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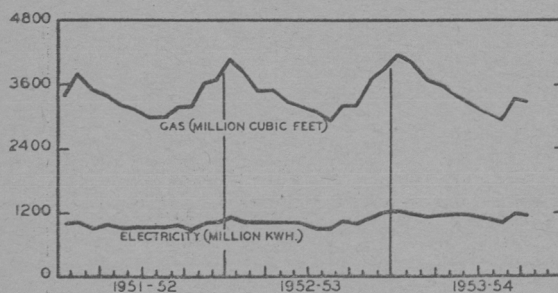
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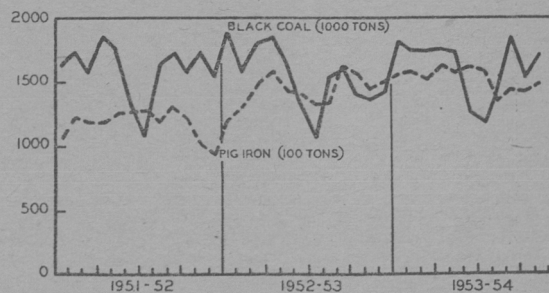
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